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LOCAL OFFICERS MAKE BIG BOOZE HAUL

Last Thursday morning excitement ran high in Bethel when Deputy Sheriffs King of this town and F. E. Wheeler of South Paris attempted to halt two cars loaded with booze.

Deputy King got a tip from Gilead at about 10 o'clock that the cars were on their way toward Bethel. Deputy Wheeler who happened to be in town with Alton C. Wheeler and Alton Maxim on business, accompanied Deputy King to the foot of Church Street near the overhead bridge. No sooner had they got there when two big touring cars appeared in sight. They commanded the driver of the head car, which was a Lincoln, to stop but instead of stopping the driver put on full speed and was soon out of sight. This car contained two men, one of whom had an automatic revolver, but the deputies did not notice anything in the tonneau of the car, it probably being a pilot for the other car. When the second car attempted to pass the deputies fired several shots at it, one of which punctured the gas tank, but did not stop the car. The Lincoln sped on its way down Railroad Street on over the railroad crossing toward Locke's Mills, and rumor says that the dive and companion found shelter in an abandoned farm at E. Bethel. The other car, a Marmon touring car, went down Railroad Street, up Main and Broad Streets and on to Paradise where it was later found in the pine grove opposite the reservoir. The occupants had unloaded the cargo and hid it in the bushes a short distance away, where it was found, 78 gallons in all.

A posse was formed and a search started for the two men who had gone into the woods. The posse searched in vain as no trace of them could be found. Later in the afternoon two suspicious characters were arrested at Bryant's Pond and taken to Paris jail. These men were apprehended by the quick work of Mrs. Carl Dudley and Mrs. Muller, the latter a telephone operator. One of the men put in a telephone call for Portland and while this call was going through Mrs. Muller notified Sheriff Frothingham at South Paris who immediately left with his son and soon had the men under arrest. They flatly refused to give their names or addresses; neither would they admit that they were in any way connected with the rum car. Friday afternoon they were taken before Judge William F. Jones of the Norway Municipal Court where they gave their names at William Giffer of Boston and John Melanson of Waltham Mass. Their case was continued one week, and they were ordered to furnish bail in the sum of $2,000 each.

Examination of the seized car showed that the officers were good marksmen, for five of the six shots fired hit the car, one puncturing the gas tank, one hit the windshield frame, one in the back of the car, one through the top, and another through the curtain which must have come pretty close to the driver of the car.

This is the biggest seizure that has been made in the town for some time.

CHANGE IN TRAIN SCHEDULE JUNE 22, 1924

After June 22, 1924, the following schedule will be in effect on the Berlin sub-division, Canadian National Railways:

No. 14 leaves Montreal at 9:00 p. m., arrives in Bethel about 4:45 a. m., and Portland 7:00 a. m.

No. *12 leaves Island Pond at 6.00 a. m., arrives in Bethel about 8.40 a. m., and Portland 11:40 a. m.

No. 17 leaves Portland at 7:45 a. m., arrives in Bethel about 10.20 a. m., and Montreal 6:20 p. m.

No. *11 leaves Portland at 1.50 p. m., arrives Bethel about 4.30 p. m., and Island Pond 7.50 p. m.

No. 18 leaves Montreal at 0.25 a. m., arrives at Bethel about 5.00 p. m., and Portland 7.50 p. m.

No. 13 leaves Portland at 8.45 p. m., arrives at Bethel about 11.10 p. m., and Montreal 7.00 a. m.

*Except Sunday.

Various changes have been made to take effect May 18th between Montreal, Shawinegan, Richmond and Island Pond.

NOTICE

The following streets will be closed during the Memorial exercises at the monument on May 30, 1924:

Main Street, from Brighton Avenue to Vernon Street; High Street, from Brighton Avenue to Mechanic Street; Mechanic Street, from Soldiers' Monument to Summer Street.

AMERICAN LEGION,
George A. Mundt Post, No. 81.
Per order—Selectmen.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

GOULD'S WINS FIFTH PLACE AT NEW HAMPSHIRE TRACK MEET

Gould's took part in the Annual Interscholastic Track Meet held at the University of New Hampshire, May 10. Those making the trip were: Coach Fossett, Capt. M. Berry, Brown, Sessions, Keniston, Peaslee, C. Swan and Mandt.

Gould's placed fifth among the out of State teams. Portland took first place with Gardiner a close second. Capt. "Mad" Berry scored all of Gould's points taking first place in the shot put, second place in the high jump and third place in the broad jump. Sessions placed first in the third heat of the 220 hurdles trials, and Brown second in the second heat of the trials of the 220 yard dash. Following are the scores of the out of State teams:

Portland High, 30 5-6; Gardiner High, 30 1-2, Bridgton Academy 29; Thornton Academy, 13 1-3; Gould's Academy, 9; Morse High, 3; Coburn Classical, 1; Melrose High, 1-3; Dean Academy, 0; Westbrook Seminary, 0.

GOULD'S DEFEATS RUMFORD

Gould's Academy journeyed to Rumford, Wednesday, May 7, defeating them by a margin of 13 to 9. Gould's led from first to the fifth inning by a score of 5 to 4. Rumford came back in the sixth inning with 2 runs, when Gould's with a good rally brought four men across the plate. The pitching of W. Berry and good hitting of the entire team proved featured. Score:

Rumford	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Ellis,	5	2	1	11	1	1
Budge,	5	2	1	0	0	1
Hersey,	3	0	1	0	1	1
H. Pretty,	5	0	2	2	2	1
Dolan,	4	2	0	2	1	0
F. Pretty,	3	0	1	6	0	0
Galvariski,	4	1	1	2	0	1
Sorensen,	3	0	0	1	0	0
Seymore,	3	2	0	3	3	0
Totals,	41	9	7	27	8	5

Gould's	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
W. Berry,	6	2	2	1	2	0
Goddard,	5	3	3	1	0	2
Keniston,	6	3	3	13	0	1
E. Swan,	4	0	2	5	0	1
R. Chase,	5	1	3	1	0	0
M. Berry,	5	1	1	2	0	0
Stevens,	5	1	1	2	0	0
Holmes,	5	1	0	2	3	2
Thurston,	4	1	1	0	1	1
Totals,	46	13	16	27	6	7

Two base hits, Goddard, R. Chase, F. Pretty. Three base hits, W. Berry 2, Keniston. Home run, Thurston. Sacrifice hit, Thurston. Left on bases, Gould's 6, Rumford 9. Bases on balls, off Berry 4, Seymore 1. Struck out, by Berry 14, Seymore 8.

GOULD'S DEFEATS DIXFIELD

In spite of loss of M. Berry and Keniston, Gould's defeated Dixfield on their home grounds, Saturday, May 10, by a score of 8 to 2. The hitting of W. Berry and E. Swan were features, combined with the excellent pitching of Goddard. Summary:

Dixfield,	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Harlow,	3	1	1			
I. Babb,	3	0	1			
Smith,	3	0	0			
Howles,	4	0	0			
R. Babb,	4	0	0			
Swett,	4	0	1			
Knox,	4	0	0			
Judkins,	3	1	0			
Davenport,	4	0	1			
Whittemore,	1	0	0			
Totals,	33	2	4			

Gould's	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
W. Berry,	4	2	2	16	1	0
Goddard,	3	1	0	1	5	0
R. Chase,	3	1	0	2	1	1
E. Swan,	4	1	1	9	2	1
Stevens,	3	0	0	2	0	1
Thurston,	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hamlin,	3	0	0	0	0	0
Holmes,	3	1	0	1	2	0
Philbrick,	4	2	0	1	1	2
Totals,	33	8	3	27	12	6

Gould's next home games are:
Monday, May 19, Rumford.
Wednesday, May 21, Norway.
Come and show the team that you appreciate their record to date, and help back them in the next games.

The summary of the first five games is as follows:
At Bethel—Gould's 9, Lisbon Falls 5.
At Bethel—Gould's 3, Greenlaw 16.
At Bethel—Gould's 17, Dixfield 2.
At Rumford—Gould's 13, Rumford 9.
At Dixfield—Gould's 8, Dixfield 2.
Total points—Gould's 60, opponents 31.

"Successful finish for Gould's is expected."

To date, Gould's has shown promising results in standing with opponents. In fielding they have held their own, and in hitting they have been far superior. So far, with such a record, the following participants look forward to a satisfactory outcome of the schedule:

Coach Fossett, Captain Goddard, W. Berry, F. Keniston, E. Swan, M. Berry, R. Chase, C. Thurston, E. Stevens, F. Hamlin, F. Philbrick, A. Corkery, H. Sessions, K. Stanley.

COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOLD SESSION IN BETHEL

The Oxford County Medical Association held a most profitable and pleasant meeting at the Bethel Inn on Tuesday, May 6. The business session called to order at 5 o'clock was followed by a delicious banquet after which a splendid address was given by Dr. Charles L. Scudder of Boston.

A large number of the physicians and their wives from the various parts of the county were in attendance. Some of the physicians came early and enjoyed golf previous to the business session. Seventeen members were present at the business session and Dr. B. F. Bradbury of Norway was appointed as a delegate to the Maine State Medical Association which will be held in Portland, June 25 to 27, with Dr. H. W. Stanwood of Rumford as an alternate.

The banquet served at seven o'clock was unusually tempting and after the repast Dr. Scudder gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Fractures." The members of the Association felt honored to have Dr. Scudder present, his coming having been arranged by Dr. Thibodeau, president of the Association.

This Association, instituted several years ago, now has a membership of about thirty, and three meetings are held annually.

Those present at this session were Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Tibbetts of Bethel; Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Bisbee, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. McCarty, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Nile, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Stanwood, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Rowe, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Thibodeau, all of Rumford; Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Binford, Mexico; Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant and Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Pease, Dixfield; Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Bradbury, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Staples, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Hasty, Norway and South Paris. Guests on this occasion were Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Webber, and Dr. and Mrs. William Bolster of Lewiston, and Miss E. Ashton, R. N., of Rumford.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT HANOVER

The Webster Holt house at Hanover was totally destroyed by fire Sunday evening. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that it was impossible to save anything. Three people were in the house and they had barely time to escape in their night clothing. A piano and a few small things were all that were saved. One horse, a pig, dog and poultry were burned. Luckily there was no wind and the fire was kept from spreading by a large number of townspeople who soon gathered after the alarm was spread.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The buildings were insured.

These buildings were owned by Saunders Bros. of Hanover.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at Garland Chapel, May 12.

Dr. Goodrich gave an interesting talk on Sanitation and the Control of Contagious Diseases, telling how the State Board of Health expends the taxpayers' money, "cooperating with the people in promoting health and happiness throughout the State." The importance of proper sanitary conditions in schools and summer camps is insisted upon. Suggestions were given for installing bathrooms and storage houses at a moderate cost, improvements easily added to the average country home.

Comparisons of the care of infectious diseases in the city and the country, urging that cases be reported to the State Board at the very outbreak of an epidemic.

A short intermission was declared while luscious sticks were scrounged and refreshments were served, then the talk was continued and illustrations were given by Mr. H. C. Rowe.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton of No. Newry announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Vaughn, to Mr. Francis H. Vail of Upton, Me.

MARY HASTINGS SKILLINGS

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Mary Hastings Skillings, wife of Rufus A. Skillings who died suddenly at her home on Park Street, Monday afternoon of pleural pneumonia.

Mrs. Skillings was the daughter of O. C. Frost and Serena Hastings, and was born in Portland, May 22, 1853. When she was very young the family moved to Bethel and here she has since remained, receivin gher education in the public schools, then teaching and later becoming a wife and mother.

She is survived by a devoted husband, three daughters, Mrs. Roy Brown, Miss Ethel Hammons, Mrs. Loton Hutchinson and several grandchildren.

Her eldest grandchild, Miss Thea Hutchinson, has made her home with her since early childhood and has received kind and conscientious care.

Other relatives are Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Bethel; Mrs. Arthur G. Wiley, Bar Mills; Mr. Albert Frost, Bethel.

Mrs. Skillings was a member of Sunset Rebekah Lodge and an attendant at the Universalist Church.

The funeral was held at the Universalist Church, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

In the passing of Mrs. Skillings we feel the loss of a true friend and although her life would seem uneventful, yet how filled with neighborly kindnesses and thoughtfulness.

Ready to rejoice with friends when fortune smiled and equally concerned at their misfortune.

Gifted with a splendid sense of humor which enabled her to enjoy life as she found it and made her not only a most companionable person to women of her own age but also to those much younger.

Neighborhood children found in her a ready sympathizer and many were the calls she received from them and never were other interests so pressing but that she could stop for a time and listen to their chatter.

And so she is not dead to us, for memory will cherish all the little kindly, homely deeds, and though she has gone on to that loftier region, which we call heaven, and we remain in the humble place called earth, by remembrance our souls may still communicate.

"I cannot say,—I will not say
That they are dead, they are just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
They have wandered into an unknown land—
And left us dreaming, how very fair
It needs must be since they linger there.

"And you—O, you who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return
Think of them faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here—
Think of them still as the same, I say,
They are not dead, they are just away."

HARRY P. VASHAW

Harry P. Vashaw, a former resident of Bethel, passed away at his home in Errol, N. H.,

Mr. Vashaw was born in Standon, P. Q. in March, 1876. His mother died when he was quite young and he came to Errol, N. H., to live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fickett. He received his education in the schools of Errol. He came to Bethel about seventeen years ago and resided here until about three years ago when he went to Errol with his family, where he has been employed by the Union Water Co. at Errol dam.

Mr. Vashaw was married on March 3, 1897 to Mrs. Maude Fillmore of Bethel. To this union six children were born.

During the past few years he has been in failing health.

He is survived by his wife, six children and three brothers, John, Michael and Thomas Vashaw, besides other relatives.

The funeral was held at Errol under the direction of the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was a member. The many beautiful flowers were silent tributes of the esteem in which he was held. Interment was in the West Bethel cemetery.

NOTICE

Proposal for baseball club gets strong support at meeting of Knights of Pythias. Bethel will have best club in years if the fans will get behind and push. There will be a meeting in the American Legion rooms, Monday evening, May 19th. Everybody interested in baseball is invited. Let's make this a big meeting!

BETHEL AND VICINITY

The date of the Free Lecture on Christian Science is May 20, the place Odeon Hall, and the time 8 P. M.

Mrs. Robinson is taking a vacation from her duties at the Carver home and is with her daughter, Mrs. Lyman Wheeler.

Mr. Perley Flint was in town Tuesday, having finished driving pulp for the Brown Co. He left Wednesday for Wilson's Mills to open Bosebuck Camps for the summer season.

Mrs. William Eldredge, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Angelia Clark, has returned to her home in Rockport, Mass. She was accompanied by her brother, Irving Clark, who will stay for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chandler of Ridlonville visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Saturday; they went Monday to Oquossoc to open his garage and their cottage for the summer.

Sunday guests at Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jodrey's were: Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonney of Berlin, N. H., also Reginald Clough and Miss Ruperta Clough and Mr. Timberlake of Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCrea are rejoicing over the arrival of a son Tuesday, May 13, weighing eight pounds, at the Leighton Hospital, Portland. Mrs. McCrea was before her marriage Mae Gaudette, of Bethel.

Mrs. Estella Goodridge and daughter, Libbie Lynne Goodridge, who have been spending the winter in Portland, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Robertson. They have gon to their home in West Bethel.

The annual county convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Congregational Church, Norway, May 21. The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings. The convention opens at ten o'clock in the forenoon and is an all day meeting.

The musical given by the fifth and sixth grades of the grammar school in the assembly room at Gould's Academy on Thursday evening of last week was a most creditable performance, showing the efficient work that has been done in the school under the direction of Miss Whiteside.

Mrs. H. M. Farwell entertained the Ladies' Circle on Wednesday afternoon at her home on Elm Street. This was the annual meeting. The reports showed the Circle has had a prosperous year and a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Maude Farwell; Vice President, Mrs. Agnes Twaddle; Secretary, Mrs. Lillie Burbank; Treasurer, Miss L. M. Stearns; Organist, Mrs. Annie Willey; Chorister, Mrs. Annie Willey; Flower Committee, Mrs. Stella Sessions.

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ANNUAL MEETING BETHEL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Library Association on Monday evening, May 5th, the following board of officers was elected:

President—Frank E. Hanscom.
1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. G. P. Bean.
2d Vice Pres.—Hon. H. H. Hastings.
Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Herrick.
Treasurer—Miss Maud L. Thurston.
Trustees—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Miss Alice Mason, Mrs. Gilbert Tuell, Mrs. Davis Lovejoy, Mrs. J. M. Philbrook, Messrs. J. S. Rich, Wm. W. Hastings, W. J. Upton, Fred B. Merrill, A. Van Den Kerckhoven, C. L. Pollard.

Book Committee: Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Mr. W. J. Upton, Miss Maud L. Thurston.

The question of another assistant during periods of extra work was discussed and decided in the affirmative.

Various matters relative to repairs on the building were taken up, and suggestions considered on the revision of the by-laws made necessary by the growth of the library and increase of its finances.

Committee for revision of by-laws: Hon. H. H. Hastings, Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Miss Thurston.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who so kindly ministered to our father during his illness and death, also for the beautiful flowers.

Eva B. Clough.
Bernie F. Barker.

HENRY CLINTON BARKER

In the death of Henry Clinton Barker who was found dead in bed Thursday morning, Bethel loses one of her oldest citizens.

Mr. Barker was born in Bethel, Oct. 23, 1842, the son of Francis and Nancy Ingalls Barker, and received his education in the Bethel schools and Gould's Academy.

At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted for service, serving until its close, and received his discharge papers signed by President Lincoln with special honorable mention by him. He was in all the hard fought battles of his company and was also one of those who spent many months in Libby Prison.

On Oct. 30, 1865, he married Ellen M. Frost, who died about twenty-five years ago, their married life having been spent in Bethel. For fourteen years he was faithful in the discharge of his duties in connection with the Bethel lock-up.

After many years of failing health it was necessary for him to make a change in his home and he went to the Soldiers Home at Togus, where for several years past he has spent the winter months, but the love for his native town was very strong and he returned each spring to Bethel.

He recently expressed a wish to live until spring, to die in Bethel, and to pass out with no long illness, and each wish was granted.

Mr. Barker was a mechanic and a dealer in sash and blinds in his younger days, and was always an honest, industrious and conscientious man.

Mr. Barker was a member of Brown Post, G. A. R., and of the Congregational Church which he joined in 1862.

Mr. Barker is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eva B. Clough of Melrose, Mass., and one son, Bernard Barker of Lynn, Mass. The latter was unable to be present at the final service on account of illness.

The funeral service was held at Garland Chapel on Saturday afternoon in charge of Rev. S. T. Achenbach assisted by Roscoe Clark of Auburn who represented the I. B. S. A.

GRANGE NEWS

OXFORD POMONA

Oxford County Pomona Grange met with Pleasant Valley Grange at West Bethel, Tuesday, May 6th. A good sized audience was present. The business session disposed of, the committee on credentials reported twenty candidates in waiting to receive the Pomona degree, which was conferred.

A recess for dinner was taken. Pleasant Valley Grange ladies are famed for their excellence in cooking, and this dinner was one of their best, under the management of Mrs. Adrian Grover, Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. McKenzie.

Roll call found the following members: Paris 12, Norway 9, Bethel 18, Bear Mountain 5, Franklin 31, Pleasant Valley 30, Alder River 3, Round Mountain 6, Bear River 12, West Paris 1, Mountain View 7, Waterford 2, Kezar 1, Mt. Sugar Loaf 1.

The lecturer presented the following program:

Singing, "America," Grange
Music, Orchestra
Solo, Miss Clare Mason
accompanied by Walter Inman on the clarinet and Mrs. Bessie Kessell at the piano
Recitation, Geraldine Valentine
Piano duet with encore
Mr. Libby from Gorham, of the Educational Department, the speaker of the afternoon, gave a talk on the Rural Schools of Maine
Music, Orchestra
Original Poem, Addie Mason
Music, Dorothy and Sylvia Grover
Violin and mandolin, with Mrs. Adrian Grover at the piano, encore
Singing, "The Grange is Marching On"

SCOUT NEWS

Beaver Patrol takes supper on Paradise Road, 5-9, Monday evening, May 19. New members invited. Tests taken. Step up a notch Monday night.

NOTICE

To the Secretary of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.:

Please find enclosed (free) tickets for a private dance at Locke's Mills Pavilion on Tuesday evening, May 20, for Masons and their ladies.

Splendid orchestra in attendance. Dancing from 9:30 to 12.

Please let us know how many will be likely to attend as early as convenient, but not later than Saturday, May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Littlefield,
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis.

Tickets for this dance can be secured from Fred B. Merrill.

ROAD BUILDING

CONCRETE "FORDS" OR "DIPS" ON HIGHWAYS

High water conditions in various parts of the country have resulted often in the building of concrete "fords" or "dips" on highways in places where the roads are overflowed in the high water season by the water of a stream or seasonal freshet.

Many mistakes have been made in the construction of these "fords," according to George B. Ireon, former state highway engineer of Texas, who has superintended the building of many of these crossings in his own state. "Dips" should not be constructed, he contends, in places where the funds will permit improvement of the highway with a bridge or culvert, as a flow of water over a road is bound to obstruct traffic to some extent and will therefore hold the ef-

Sloping Shoulders Carry Water Gradually Over Road.

fluency of the road below what it would be if there were a bridge or culvert. Only where saving of the cost of a bridge is necessary should "fords" be built.

One of the great mistakes in constructing "fords," he says, has been to make their approaches too steep, with the result that vehicles are unable to maintain a reasonable rate of speed in crossing. Some of them have been made with approaches so steep that a speed of more than ten miles an hour would wreck a car.

Great care should be taken to build these structures so that erosion of the stream or freshet cannot wash away the earth foundation of the "dip." To accomplish this, sloping concrete shoulders are built on each side of the road in the course of the stream to carry the water up gradually over the road as shown in the illustration.

In places where the flow of water over the highway is likely to become so swift or heavy as to be dangerous at any time, large signs should be posted to warn those using the road.

Knock Misleading Signs Found Along Many Roads

Disabling unnecessary danger signs and "stop" signals used for advertising purposes along public highways as dangerous, many automobile clubs affiliated with the American Automobile association with the cooperation of the state highway departments are campaigning for their removal.

In some Eastern states, where the traffic on main highways is heavy, instances are reported where automatic flash "stop—railroad crossing" signs have been put up by railroad interests 300 feet in advance of a spur track crossing the highway, where the traffic are used once or twice a month, just because the location was ideal [illegible] on the same highways where these signs were posted, they were often found missing.

In New Jersey at a wide place in the road, a cut out painted figure representing a traffic officer and some places on the arms of which are painted the words "stop" with the name of the tax payers underneath, marks traffic. The figure on the traffic officer is an invisible menace to the glare of headlights that motorists who are not accustomed with the deception will be liable to run over the sensation.

The danger of the use of warning signs or "stop" signals on the high seas where they are not required makes the motorist who has been "bawled" by an unseemly gesture from some man who is approaching a warning signal which is properly placed for his protection, point out that one of the transportation leaders of the A. A. A. is due to shout out on the use of warning signals on the highways in their territory and take such steps as may be necessary to have misleading signs removed.

Florida Road Plans

Florida is spending $35,000,000 this year on its general road construction program over projected and proven guidelines. Work nearly all of the 67 counties of Florida participating in road building through the voting of bonds and individual developers constructing hard surface roads from east coast to west coast, from state trunk lines to their properties, a network of asphalt, concrete and brick highways is beginning to cover the state.

ASKED AND ANSWERED

(This is a valuable educational feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. S. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Mention this paper when you write. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include trivial matters or questions requiring extensive research.)

Q. What is the official language of Panama?

A law was enacted in 1917 by the Panama Assembly for the conservation of the Spanish language. This measure was not enforced however, and regulations for its enforcement did not appear until January, 1924. Enforcement was again postponed until December 31, 1924. Under the provisions of the law Panama must put aside foreign names which they have acquired and must readopt the ancient Spanish or Indian designation.

Q. Can you tell me what process is used in printing calico?

It is the art of applying colors to cloth after it has come from the hand of the weaver in such a manner as to form patterns or figures. This art, originally brought from India, was first introduced into Great Britain in 1735.

Q. What city has the largest per capita consumption of electricity?

Buenos Aires probably has as large a per capita consumption of electricity as any city in the world. All homes except those of the very poorest classes are electrically lighted, stores and public buildings are well illuminated. Electricity is also extensively used for power, and to some extent for heat.

Q. Who was the original "Beau Brummell"?

George Bryan Brummell was born in 1778 and died in 1840. He lived in London and through the influence of the Prince of Wales, afterward George IV, became a court favorite and a great society leader, setting the style in men's clothes for many years.

Q. What is the meaning of "Blue stocking" and its origin?

The term arose in connection with certain meetings held by women in the days of Dr. Johnson, for conversation with distinguished literary men. One of these was Benjamin Stillingfleet, who always wore blue stockings. His absence at any time as regarded as a great loss, so that the remark became common, "nothing without the blue stocking."

Q. What is the gold standard law?

The Act of Congress, March 14, 1900, which declares that the dollar consisting of 25.8 grains of gold, nine tenths fine, shall be the standard unit of value, and all forms of money issued or coined by the United States shall be maintained at a parity of value with this standard, was the original "gold standard" definition. This was further clarified after the election of 1896, when Colonel Bryan framed the "free silver" issue.

Q. How did the Baltimore crisis receive its name?

The Baltimore crisis is a common American crisis, so named because its colors (black and orange) were likened to the coat of arms of Lord Baltimore.

Q. Is it correct usage to thank hotel waiters and theatre ushers?

Certainly. It is always correct to show appreciation for any courtesy, or an attention. "Thanks" are cheap in price, and always welcome words in those who receive them.

Q. How many canals and bridges are there in Venice?

Venice, Italy, is built on eighty islands and has 400 bridges.

Q. Does Niagara Falls ever freeze over?

No. In certain severe winters, notably in 1848, 1850 and 1870, ice islands have formed, and have so constricted as to completely or nearly stop over half of the American cataract. Only the very best of winter, however, would ever bring the falls to a standstill, which is [illegible] of ice.

Q. How are male and female cats distinguished, and what are their habits? Should cats be a nuisance?

A male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a queen. The habits of cats are [illegible] Cats are a nuisance only when they are allowed to run wild.

Q. Is it correct usage to say that a person is "addicted to the use of liquor"?

Addicted has for many centuries been used in a bad sense, and is now generally so understood. To say that a person is addicted to the use of liquor is to say that he is a habitual drunkard.

Q. Who was the first Governor of Maine?

William King was the first Governor of Maine. He was inaugurated March 15, 1820, and served until 1821.

Q. What is the largest city in the world?

London, England, is the largest city in the world. It has a population of 7,476,168, according to the census of 1921. Greater New York is second with a population of 5,620,048.

Q. What is the largest city in the United States?

New York City is the largest city in the United States. Its population in 1920 was 5,620,048.

Q. What is the largest city in Maine?

Portland is the largest city in Maine. Its population in 1920 was 69,272.

Q. What is the largest city in New England?

Boston is the largest city in New England. Its population in 1920 was 748,060.

Q. What is the largest city in Canada?

Montreal is the largest city in Canada. Its population in 1921 was 618,506.

Q. What is the largest city in Europe?

London is the largest city in Europe. Its population in 1921 was 7,476,168.

Q. What is the largest city in Asia?

Tokio is the largest city in Asia. Its population in 1920 was 2,173,162.

Q. What is the largest city in Africa?

Cairo is the largest city in Africa. Its population in 1917 was 791,000.

Q. What is the largest city in South America?

Buenos Aires is the largest city in South America. Its population in 1920 was 1,576,597.

Q. What is the largest city in Australia?

Sydney is the largest city in Australia. Its population in 1921 was 1,000,000

PARAGRAPHS FOR THE NEW ENGLANDER

News of General Interest From the Six States

The navy department will make the channel leading from the main ship channel in Boston harbor to the South Boston dry dock safe for large ships such as the Leviathan and Majestic.

The 70th annual meeting of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Masons of Maine, held in Portland, resulted in election of Arthur F. Littlefield of Rockland as most illustrious grand master.

After wandering about since Dec. 15, Laddie, a collie dog owned by Maj. Fred W. Childs of Brattleboro, Vt., which disappeared from the home of Maj. Childs' son-in-law, Ernest C. Young, in Brookline, Mass., has been found.

Rather than face the humiliation of testifying against his own son, Peter Zolinski, 61, an old resident of Suffield, Ct., ended his life by hanging. The son, William, was arrested on a charge of beating his father and stepmother.

The Rockland, Mass., local of the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union voted unanimously to accept a lower scale of wages for work on a new grade of shoes that the Emerson Shoe Company will manufacture at its plant. The union's action is regarded as of great importance.

David L. Wilson of Bath, Me., was chosen grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine for the second consecutive time. Fifty-four of the 65 chapters were represented. Thirteen of the 17 past grand high priests attended. Reports showed a present membership of 16,933 in Maine, a gain of 620 in a year.

To the home of Frank Marchant, 25 Old Colony square, Brockton, Mass., the stork arrived last week for the 13th time, and left a husky pair of babies, making 14 in all. All the children, with the exception of the oldest daughter, who is married, is living at home. The first dozen were evenly divided as to sex. The twins are boys.

Unprecedented runs of herring in the various bogs and brooks near Pembroke, Mass., for a few days, attracted hundreds of persons from all over the Cape. The brook in the town was fairly alive with the fish for a week, and it is estimated that at least 3,000,000 have gone up to the ponds in the schools that have passed through the runway.

Vessel owners are laying up tonnage owing to slow movement of coal to New England ports. Hampton Roads shelters scores of idle barges and many tugs. The railroads are not making large additions to their reserve of fuel and industrial plants manifest no eagerness to stock up with coal at the present time. However, charters are probable, say vessel operators, in the next month or six weeks.

Foster C. Gray, night hostler at the city stables, Bangor, Me., for the last eight years, died at the Eastern Maine General Hospital as the result of being kicked and trampled by a horse at the stables. Harry E. Goodale, another hostler, was painfully bruised on the right leg when he was kicked by the same horse that caused the death of Gray. The horse, Teddy, had always been known as extremely docile, and stablemen were at a loss to explain his actions. It was found, on investigation, that a buckle on the surcingle which held the horse's blanket was cutting into the animal's flesh, and it was necessary to cut the surcingle in order to remove the blanket.

Almost unanimous approval of unification of the Methodist Episcopal church with the Methodist church, South, was voted in the Methodist general conference in Springfield, Mass., thus paving the way for the closing of the breach between the two churches which has existed since 1844. The division, which was caused by the slavery question, was closed by a vote of 813 to 13. A general conference of the Methodist church, South, will be called by the board of bishops in Nashville, Tenn., to act on the unification, and the unify will be complete when it has been approved by all the conferences of both churches, many of which already have approved. The action was dramatic. Bishop William F. McDowell of Washington, with tears in his eyes, made an impassioned appeal for unification, declaring that if had been his lifelong wish that before he died he would be able to play a part in bringing the two churches together. His speech was followed by turmoil in which many were heard to second his motion for favorable action.

Only one-third of the total number of spindles in the mills of Fall River are in operation, curtailing the combined output of the mills by 7,000,000 yards of cloth yearly on a yearly basis, according to a survey of mill conditions just completed. The survey showed that conditions were not as bad as had been previously estimated, as it had been thought that only 20 per cent of the spindles were being operated. The figures compiled showed that out of a total of 3,191,888 spindles, 2,256,685 are stepped at present.

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending May 10, 1924

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

May 8th. Dressed Poultry was firm with limited supply of fresh dressed and under good demand but becoming unsettled because of high prices. Fowl 5 lbs. 34-35c, 4-4½ lbs. 34-35c, 3-3½ lbs. 31-32c, chickens 5 lbs. 35c, 4-4½ lbs. 34c; stags firm; large 29-32c, small 27c. Live Poultry firm, receipts light, demand active. Fowl 32c, chickens 29-31c. Butter Market has generally ruled firm with slight fluctuations. Supplies of all grades have been light, and buyers have not hesitated to replenish their supplies. Market closes in a firm position 92 score 38½c, 90-91 score 37½-38c, 88-89 score 36½-37c, 87 score 36c. Eggs Market has ruled firm with price trend upward. Trade has been active and supplies have been well cleaned up. Storage packed eggs have been moving much better. Westerns: Extras 28-29c. Extra firsts 26½-27c. Firsts 25-26c, Seconds 24-24½c. Nearby henneries 28-30c and browns up to 31c. Storage packed Extra Firsts 27½-28c, storage packed firsts 26½-27c.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Strawberries continued in rather a weak condition with liberal supply. Closing prices on N. Carolina quarts ranged from 20-30c with poorer stock low as 15c. First arrivals of Arkansas berries sold at 25-32c per quart, stock showing rather ordinary quality. Texas onions are slightly stronger, closing at $2 for best crates and mostly $1.75 for stock showing pinks. Old onions are very slow and closed 20-$1.25 per 100 lb. sack of Mass. and N. Y. stock. Apples continue slow and are in little demand. Best bushels of New York Baldwins closed $1.25-1.40 with some stock at $1.60. Barrels are still ranging $3.50-4.25 for best stock. Tomatoes are in good demand provided quality and condition is good. Best 2½s in Florida 6s closed at $3.00-3.50 with poorer stock low as $2. Choice count (150s) closed at $5-6. Considerable stock is arriving in poor quality and condition and is selling from $1.50 up. Cabbage is firm closing at $5.50-6.00 for Texas barrels and Alabama barrel crates, and S. Carolina 1½ bu. hampers rather weak at $3. Asparagus is firm, S. C. crates closing at $4-5, depending on size. New Jersey crates range from $2-2.50 per doz. bunches and first arrivals of Mo. crates at $7-10. Texas carrots were stronger Thursday, selling at $4.25-4.50 per bu. basket. Celery is stronger, Fla. crates of Golden Self Blanching closing at mostly $6.00-6.50. Lettuce market is practically unchanged, with considerable ordinary stock still arriving. Best Calif. crates closed at $4.50-5.00 and poorer low as $4.50. Arizona stock is generally poor, and closed at $4.50-5.00. Potatoes are unchanged with a slow demand on Friday. Maine Green Mts. are selling at $2.10-2.15 per 100 lb. sack.

Separated from his mother, Mrs. Frances McConnell, at the age of 3, Howard J. McConnell, now 20 and a soldier attached to Fort Slocum, New York, was reunited with her at the home of relatives, 11 Clarendon avenue, Lynn. Each had believed the other dead. Seventeen years ago, Mrs. McConnell, with little Howard, was shopping in a Winthrop store when her husband, from whom she was separated, snatched the child from her and took him away.

Isaie Asselin of Auburn, Me., supposed to have committed suicide in Chicago on Feb. 12 last, is alive and is now in a town near New Bedford, Mass. A man who had registered as "Bill Rift of New York" and left a note saying that he came from "somewhere in Maine" and belonged to "a very good family," was found shot to death in a Chicago hotel room. A brief dispatch carried by the Associated Press and printed in Maine papers led relatives of Asselin to communicate with the Chicago police, who forwarded a description of the suicide. A sister of Asselin's wife went to Chicago, identified the body and arranged for burial.

A year after his disappearance from his home in Wilton, Me., and his desertion of his wife and two small children, William Thomas West, a Yankee division veteran, who was wounded at Chateau-Thierry, walked into the office of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau in Portland and inquired if any one could give information about an old friend of his, a William Thomas West. It was himself of whom he asked, yet he did not realize this fact and even when confronted by his wife and children their faces beaming with joy at the reunion, his face showed no response and no understanding. He was sent to a sanitorium at West Roxbury, Mass., where it is believed that his aphasia can be relived under proper treatment.

Sex education of boys and girls in the home and by the teacher in the public schools was advocated by Ray H. Everett, editor of the Journal of Social Hygiene, in an address before a large audience of the New England Health Institute in Boston. "We have no choice," said the speaker, "as to whether or not sex shall powerfully influence our lives and those of our children. Whether we measure its power over us by the part it plays in physical and mental development or by the interest and curiosity it arouses, or by its effects on conduct and habits and on happiness and character—sex stands among the most important part of our human possessions. Around sex and reproduction are developed impulses and urges and appetites second in power to none in our character."

Repatriation was granted Arthur H. Dearborn of Bangor, Me., who enlisted in the British army in 1918 and thereby lost his American citizenship, by decree of Judge Peters in United States district court, Portland. Dearborn, his war record one of gallantry, and who bears four major wounds and many minor ones, was born in Gardiner. He worked his way to England on the steamer Devonian from Boston in June, 1918, and returned with scars of battle and badly gassed four years later. He now resides in Bangor.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ Springfield, Mass
337 Meters—890 Kilocycles

THURSDAY

12.55 P. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

6 P. M. Dinner concert by the Leo Reisman ensemble, direct from the Palm room, Hotel Lenox, Boston.

PROGRAM

1 Waltz Suite, "Three Fours" (in six parts) Coleridge Taylor
2 (a) Oh That We Two Were Maying Nevin
(b) Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes Old English
3 Spinning Song Mendelssohn

6.30 P. M. Dinner dance concert by Leo Reisman and his orchestra playing in the Egyptian room, Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

PROGRAM

1 Sunshine of Mine
2 Memory's Garden
3 Blue Evening Blues
4 Please
5 Nine O'clock Sal

7 P. M. Results of baseball games played by the American, National and Eastern leagues

7.05 P. M. "Management in the Home," last lecture on live stock and meat industry under the auspices of the national live stock and meat board and meat council of Boston, given by Eunice S. Clark of the Hampden County Improvement league letter from the New England Homestead.

7.30 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies

7.40 P. M. Musical program direct from St. James Theatre, Boston, by Charles R. Hector, with his St. James Theatre orchestra.

PROGRAM

1 March, "Up the Street," Bigelow
2 Overture, "Hungarian Fantasie," Tobani
3 Waltz, "Love's Fancies," Lincke
4 Rhymed Rythm, Arr. by Hector
5 (a) Pretty Soon
(b) Jealous

8.15 P. M. Program arranged by M. Steinert & Sons. Velma Balcom, soprano; Jessie Hatch Symonds, violinist; Anis Fuleihan, pianist.

PROGRAM—PART 1

1 (a) Two Preludes, Chopin
(b) Valse, Chopin
Mr. Fuleihan
2 (a) Poem, Fidlch
(b) Gypsy Dance Kreisler
(c) Song, "Going Home," Dvorak
Mrs. Symonds
3 (a) When It's Evening in the Valley, Arthur Meale
(b) A Birthday, Frederic H. Cowen
Miss Balcom
4 (a) Scottish Dances, Chopin
(b) Polonaise, Chopin
Mr. Fuleihan
5 (a) Pale Moon, Logan
(b) Minuet, Mozart
(c) Waltz, Kreisler
Mrs. Symonds
6 (a) I Love and the World is Mine (with violin obbligato) Charles P. Manney
(b) Here's My Heart, John Densmore
Miss Balcom and Mrs. Symonds

10.55 P. M. Arlington time signals and weather report

11 P. M. Summary of day's events at the general conference of Methodist Episcopal church
(Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

FRIDAY

8.30 A. M. Morning devotional service from the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, broadcast from the Springfield Auditorium.

12.55 P. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports

6.05 P. M. Dinner concert by the WBZ orchestra

PROGRAM

1 "The Wedding March" DeKoven
2 "Narcissus," Nevin
3 "Will o' the Wisp," MacDowell
4 Flute solo, selected,
Ernest Valva
5 "Iris" Frim
6 Prelude, Cortege and Air de Danse from "L'Enfant Prodigue" DeLamy
7 "In Autumn," MacDowell
8 Solo, "In Arady," Nevin
(a) "A Shepherd's Tale"
(b) "Shepherds All and Maidens Fair"
(c) "Lullaby"
(d) "Tournament"

7 P. M. Results of baseball games played in the Eastern, American and National Leagues.

7.05 P. M. "The Dover Road," a dramatized story prepared by the Youth's Companion; current book review by R. A. MacDonald of the Court Square book store.

7.30 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies

10 P. M. Concert by the Mount Ladies' quartette, consisting of Grace Marie Lockhart, soprano; Mabel Banks Wilson, soprano; Alice Hoke Wright, contralto; Mabel Florence Tenney, reader and contralto; Naomi K. Gring, accompanist.

PROGRAM

1 Bridesmaid's Song, Jordan
Quartet
2 Song, (selected,)
Miss Wilson
3 Poems:
(a) The Irish Schoolmaster
(b) Li'l Brack Sheep
Mrs. Tenney
4 Selected
Quartet
5 Beauteous Night Offenbach
Miss Lockhart, Miss Wilson, Miss Wright
6 (a) Song of the Bell, (with incidental music)
(b) Twilight Reveries
Mrs. Tenney
7 Evening Song, Nanter
Quartet
8 Evening Rest Rotoli
Miss Lockhart
9 (a) Poem, The End of Our Street
(b) Song, Twilight Nevin
Mrs. Tenney
10 Angels of Eventide Parks
Quartet

10.55 P. M. Arlington time signals and weather reports.

11 P. M. Summary of day's events at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Program of chamber music by the WBZ orchestra and Miss Nan Shannon, dramatic soprano; Edwin Ralf Dean, accompanist

PROGRAM

1 The Raymond Overture, Thomas
WBZ Orchestra
2 Rosary Nevin
Miss Shannon
3 Annie Rooney Nolan
Miss Shannon
4 Selection from Henry VIII, Saint-Saens
WBZ Orchestra
5 Good-by Tosti
Miss Shannon
6 Annie Laurie Scott
Miss Shannon
7 Nocheclta, Alheniz
WBZ Orchestra
8 Elegie, Massenet
Miss Shannon
9 Patriotic Medley
Miss Shannon
(Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

SATURDAY

12.55 P. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston market report

6 P. M. Concert by the Leo Reisman ensemble, playing in the Palm room, Hotel Lenox, Boston.

PROGRAM

1 Trio in C Minor, Mendelssohn
2 At Dawning, Cadman
3 Waltz, Tschaikowsky

6.45 P. M. Dinner dance music by Leo Reisman and his orchestra, playing in the Egyptian room, Hotel Brunswich, Boston.

PROGRAM

1 Never Again
2 Home in Pasadena
3 Hungry Blues
4 Sunshine of Mine
5 Nine O'clock Sal

7.00 P. M. Results of baseball games played in the Eastern, American and National leagues

7.05 P. M. Dinner dance concert continued by Leo Reisman and his orchestra.

PROGRAM

1 After the Storm
2 Sax
3 Marchets
4 Pleass
5 Spain

7.30 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies

7.40 P. M. Concert by the Kimball trio; transmitted from the Hotel Kimball dining room; Jan Geerts, violinist and director; Angela Goddard Lonergan, 'cellist; Paul Laurence, pianist

8.15 P. M. Recital by Mrs. Ethel Ranger Cuzner, soprano; Mrs. Nettie Sawyer Roberts, contralto, and George E. Smith, pianist.

PROGRAM

1 Life's Merry Morning E. H. Bailey
Mrs. Cuzner and Mrs. Roberts
2 (a) May Day, Walthew
(b) Captain Mac, Wilfred Sanderson
Mrs. Cuzner
3 Second Mazurka, Godard
Mr. Smith
4 (a) The Eyes of Irish Blue, Litta Lynn
(b) Little Rosebud Joe, Hamilton
Mrs. Roberts
5 The Usual Way, Phyllis D'orgis
Mrs. Cuzner
6 Sweetly, Sweetly, Sang the Bird A. Rubinstein
Mrs. Cuzner and Mrs. Roberts
7 Militaire Polonaise, Chopin
Mr. Smith
8 (a) Less than the Dust, Amy Woodforde Fendon
(b) Cam' Ye by Athol, Old Scotch Song
(c) An Evening Prayer, Old Hymn
Mrs. Roberts
9 Flower Girl, Bevignani
Mrs. Cuzner
10 Birds on the Wing, Godfrey Nutting
Mrs. Cuzner and Mrs. Roberts

9.30 P. M. Concert by the combined musical clubs of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Glee Club, Mandolin Club, orchestra; M. B. Steele, baritone; W. S. Bissett, saxophone; E. P. Wood, reader; M. A. Benlis, monologist, and G. Winckler, 'cellist. Arranged by M. B. Steele

PROGRAM

1 (a) Waitin' for the Moon to Shine
(b) Jypsy John
Glee Club
2 Saxophone Solo,
W. S. Bissett
3 Selections,
Mandolin Club
4 Three for Jack,
M. B. Steele
5 Orchestra Selection,
Polytechnical Orchestra
6 Reading,
E. P. Wood
7 (a) Lo' How a Rose 'ere Blooming
(b) 'Tis Morn,
8 A Bit of Nonsense,
M. A. Benis
Orchestra
10 Selection,
Mandolin Club
11 'Cello Solo,
G. Winckler
12 Tech Songs,
Combined Clubs

10.55 P. M. Arlington time signals and weather reports

11 P. M. Summary of day's events at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church
(Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

The pond lily, the most beautiful of flowers, has one particular lesson which should not be overlooked by anyone. Consider the place where this fragrant masterpiece of God's hand is found—in muck and mud—the lily reaches up, opens its soul to the creator's sunshine and blossoms above its environment. What a lesson to the man who thinks he has little chance! Criticism will make you grow, if you do not let it bleed you. Praise will work for your benefit if it causes you to work harder. Take deep root in the hearts and lives of men. See the best in folks. Keep climbing toward God.

DON'T LET THEM DO IT

The developments political in Washington will be utilized by agitators who would destroy private industry or who would change our established form of government to come along socialistic lines, to play upon the feeling, sentiment or credulity of our people to gain their support for radical or unsound measures or policies on the theory that in so doing they will correct an alleged dangerous system of private industry or failure in present form of government.

Congress will not be permitted to adjourn until it has passed a tax reduction bill, Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee said in a Senate speech.

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WHY

You Should Brush Teeth to Live to Be 120.

Dr. Thomas Darlington, former president of the department of health of New York, advocates the brushing of one's teeth seven times a day, before and after every meal and at bedtime. This was part of a recipe for prolonging life to 120 years, prescribed by Doctor Darlington recently.

In his lecture he criticized the average woman for keeping late hours habitually in the belief that this would reduce weight. "On the contrary," he said, "if you stay up at night you get fat. Go to bed early if you want to get thin."

The cleaning of one's hands, Doctor Darlington cited as an important factor likewise in helping one to live 120 years.

One, two or three glasses of water with meals and a glass or two between meals are essential to good digestion and to longevity, he said, adding that the popular opinion that one should drink water between meals and not at all with meals is all wrong.

"Getting tired is another great obstacle in the way of bodily efficiency and long life," according to Doctor Darlington. Not he said that work never tired anybody and that "if you love your work you will keep young for many years." Lack of proper nutrition, indigestion and other evils were cited as the real causes of fatigue.

"It is a good thing to watch calories, because most people eat twice as much as they need. Half the battle in getting rid of sickness is not to worry and fret. Anger, envy, grief and disappointment all affect the system."—New York Herald.

Why the Term "Kilowatt Hour" Is Used on Bills

For those of us who look at our electric bills and sometimes wonder just what it is all about has come a bit of elucidation.

"Tape," says Prof. C. P. Harding of Purdue university, "now sold by the dozen, potatoes by the bushel, coal by the ton and water and gas usually are sold by the thousands of cubic feet used each month, as determined by a meter.

"The corresponding unit for electrical energy is the kilowatt hour. The kilowatt hour, therefore, includes in one unit of measurement, the amount of electrical energy used.

"For example, if a 25-watt lamp is burned 40 hours, the electric meter will register 25 times 40, or 1000 watt hours. In a similar manner, a 500-watt electric iron which is in use for two hours would cause a meter to register 1,000 watt hours, or a kilowatt hour.

"The number of kilowatts used during the month multiplied by the rate per kilowatt determines the amount to be paid."

Why Fuller's Earth

What is a fuller? In the Bible we read of a fuller's field, and of raiment so white that a fuller could not make it more whiter. So a fuller was a bleacher, and fulling was bleaching.

We are reminded of this old English word by the news that an immense deposit of fuller's earth has been discovered at Trenance, in Cornwall. Experts say that there are a million tons of this clay like substance ready to be dug out.

Fuller's earth is found only in widely separated localities, the most famous deposit being at Nutfield, near Reigate, in past times, but it was mined near Bath for the use of the old woolen weaving towns of Frome and Bradford-on-Avon.

Its ancient use for absorbing the oil in woolen cloths has become almost a thing of the past, other processes being used, but as a toilet powder it is invaluable, and it is still in great demand for cleaning colored silks and in the manufacture of soaps.

Why Wheels Deceive You

Why do the wheels on automobiles seem to turn backward in the movies?

Motion pictures are in reality a combination of still pictures. The first moving picture of the automobile shows the spokes of the wheels in one position. If the next exposure of the film were made when these spokes had moved just enough to be in the position of each spoke into the place which the first spoke had occupied, the spokes would appear to be moving backward. If each spoke had advanced less than half way to the position of the next spoke, the forward motion would be noticed. If, however, some one should change the film in this way in the camera it would have the effect of making the machine move backward as it did in the picture shown in the first picture.

To Count $1,000,000

The time it would take a man to count $1,000,000 at a count a second depends on the ingenuity of the count. Those in search of hard facts say many men could count from 1 to a million, whether some experts in this line counted seven in one day. At such rates it would take from 20 to 30 days.

How "Blackguard" Originated

A blackguard was originally a man who was employed by a house to look after the foot and the footgear which had the effect of keeping the feet black. In time a black face was so confused with a black character and thus "blackguard" became a synonym for an unpleasant character.

Horticultural News

STRAWBERRY PATCH FOR USE OF FAMILY

It is difficult to find anyone who does not like nice fresh strawberries and even in fairly large quantities. At the same time how many have all they want? An average-sized family of five can comfortably consume five quarts daily. Figure on the home patch furnishing for twenty days, which as a rule would cost 75 cents or more per quart. That amount would mean $15 for berries in one season, to say nothing of the surplus that could be sold or preserved in some form. Very few families buy $15 worth of berries in one season, so it naturally appears that the only solution is to have a home patch.

There are several reasons why we do not have more home patches, chiefly among which are former failures and simple neglect.

Sometimes people think that a rich soil is necessary and proceed to manure the soil very heavily. This is a mistake, as frequently an excessive amount of manure, in decomposing, may cause the plants to rot. Rich soil stimulates an excessive plant growth at the expense of fruit production.

Select a good clay loam soil, capable of retaining moisture and of only medium fertility.

Select a perfect variety, that is one which does not require another variety to furnish the pollen. The Klondike and Aroma are good standard varieties. As a general rule, from a home standpoint, the everbearing variety of strawberries is not successful.

Set your strawberry patch as soon as possible. Mark off your rows at least three feet apart and set plants two feet apart in the row. Keep the roots moist. Make the opening plenty large and deep enough so the roots may be spread out and not doubled up. Set the plants to the crown, but be sure not to cover up the terminal bud.

Keep the plants cultivated from the time they are set out until the fall rains begin. The idea is to make a good growth. In case the plants try to bear the first spring—that is, the same spring they are set—pinch the blossoms off and throw that nourishment into plant production.

As the runners start, train them in the direction of the row, and in this way a solid mat in the direction of the row will be formed by the end of the growing season. This system of training will establish what is known as the matted row system.—By H. C. Moeing, Extension Horticulturist, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Orchard for Every Farm Insures Family Health

It's no use telling any farmer who enjoyed a bowl of peaches and cream, to enlarge his orchard, or if he didn't produce the peaches and cream, that he should in future do so.

Too many farms are treeless. Nut and fruit trees should occupy sufficient space on every farm to supply at least shade and nuts and a variety of fruit for home consumption, fresh and preserved. On nearly every farm there are odd places that should be occupied by properties of a variety suited to the soil and locality, says the Farm and Ranch. Grapes under proper conditions and care rarely fail to produce abundantly. There is no section where fruit of certain varieties will not grow and prove a real blessing for the family use and if a surplus is produced there is a ready market and profitable prices near where they are grown.

It is a sad commentary on our intelligence and a stain on our section to see anyone buying fruit stands apples, grapes, etc. that can be grown of as good or better quality in the home orchard or vineyard.

Put out as many trees, vines and shrubs this spring as you have space for and give them careful attention. They will return in health and pleasure many times their cost in money and labor.

Timely Spraying Will Destroy Apple Worms

Spraying with arsenate of lead just after the petals of apple blossoms fall is the most satisfactory way of killing the young worm or apple maggot, as most of the fruit to be set is at least a quarter of the size of apples to carry alpha which fall on Calendar Day. Full application of the spray at that time of it will result the open eyes, adopt a custody of the young worms into their fruit and result in destruction by a 12 hours, state entomologist and professor of economic entomology at the University of Maryland. The larvae must be thoroughly covered with poison and another application made within two or three weeks after the blossoms fall to catch those that come out later, he says.

Diseased Trees Should Not Be Used in Orchard

Do not accept any fruit trees that are shipped to you that have evidence on the trunks or roots of that have hairy roots, warns A. F. Yeager, chief, division of entomology of Pennsylvania college. Some may not know what hairy root is, but you need not worry, for you will recognize it when it is present. If you have ever paid any attention to the root system of fruit trees. Clusters of very fine roots around the crown are harmful.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 1)

Miss Margaret Herrick was in Portland, Monday.

Dr. I. H. Wight was a business visitor in Portland, Monday.

Master Floyd Thurston spent last week in Andover with his father.

Miss Laura Hutchinson was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Austin.

Mrs. F. P. Flint went to Wilson's Mills, Sunday, where she will spend the summer.

Mr. W. G. Holt and sister, Mrs. Irving Kimball, of East Bethel were in town, recently.

Mr. Rodney Bartlett from Bowdoin College spent the week end at his home in town.

Mr. Carl Upton of Norway is working in town, spraying and grafting apple trees.

Mr. Wallace Farwell of Tewksbury, Mass., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Farwell.

Hon. H. B. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at Rumford, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Glines and two children of Norway were guests of relatives in town, Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Skeene was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Holt, and family at East Bethel, Sunday.

Miss Hilfred Portlett was an over night guest of her schoolmate, Miss Florence Blake, recently.

Mr. E. C. Vondrokerckhoven has returned home from Hebron and he is much improved in health.

Mr. Elton Bartlett was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Amy Lyon, at Rumford a few days last week.

Miss Alice Wallis has returned to her home on Chapman Street after spending the winter in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Clark of Auburn were guests of his mother, Mrs. Angelia Clark, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laflamme of Berlin, N. H., were in town the first of the week, guests of Mrs. F. E. Donahue.

There will be a special meeting of the American Legion, Geo. A. Mundt Post, Tuesday evening, May 20.

Several from Bethel went to Durham, N. H., Friday, to attend the track meet at the New Hampshire State College.

Mrs. Eva Clough of Melrose, Mass., was called to Bethel last week by the death of her father, Mr. H. C. Barker.

Dr. Hazel Arco attended the piano recital given by Nyreigyhazi at Berlin last week under the direction of Prof. Chapman.

Mr. Ralph Moore and family are spending a week's vacation as guests of Mr. Dermaine at his camps at Mt. Vernon, Me.

Mrs. Arthur Richardson has arrived in town where she will spend the summer with Mr. Richardson at their home in Mayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown and two children and Mrs. Monk of Norway were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cleary and son Eugene, and Mrs. Grace Swan of Berlin, N. H., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Swan.

Special election should have been called to the appeal of the eastern canal, "Bonus Bill," of the help given by Uncle Sam Jones.

Mr. Hugh Hanson, candidate for governor to the place of Governor Brewster was a guest of Bethel Inn on Saturday.

Mrs. C. W. Hall, who went to the U. M. H. Hospital, Meadan, underwent a successful surgical operation, and is as comfortable as can be expected.

Don't forget the district meeting of the Rebekahs at Norway, May 16th. Those wishing to go please notify Mrs. Nora Fearnley Thursday, May 15.

Miss Merle Bunker, who has employment at Bethel Inn, has been spending a few days vacation with her brother, Chester Bunker, and family at Albany.

Mrs. O. M. Mason and Miss Alice Mason have returned to Bethel and opened their home on Vernon Street. Mrs. Mason spent the winter in Orlando, Florida, and Miss Mason was in Melrose, Mass., during the winter.

Mr. P. C. Thurston is driving a new Buick coupe.

The Citizen office closes at noon every Saturday.

Herrick Bros. Co. unloaded a carload of Fords, Friday.

Mrs. Annie Emery is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Forbes.

Mrs. L. H. Cilley returned last week from a ten days visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hutchinson were in Portland two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burbank were in South Paris, on business, Thursday.

Deputy Sheriff H. H. King was in Lovell on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Bowker of Wilton were business visitors in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mr. Hiram Wiles of Norway were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Rumford were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jennie Littlehale.

Mr. E. L. Cummings of West Paris were a business visitor in town Tuesday of last week.

Messrs. Ralph Dean and Milton Pierce of West Paris were in town on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kilborn have returned from Portland and opened their home at Songo Pond.

Mrs. Anna Stearns, who has been spending some time with relatives in Boston, has retured home.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Twaddle were in Upton one day last week, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldana Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt of Lynn, Mass., were recent guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albion Holt.

Miss Carrie Philbrick is enjoying a vacation from her duties at Bethel Inn. Mrs. Etta Wendell is supplying for her.

LOOKE'S MILLS

Rev. Chester B. Oliver will preach at the Union Church next Sunday at 2.30 P. M. Subject, "What is a Community Church?"

The Ladies' Aid held a food and fancy work sale at George Tirrell's, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Tena Woodsum of Mechanic Falls was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Stowell.

Mrs. Lola Foster is ill with the grippe.

Herbert Day has purchased a Durant car of George Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Mason and children of Boston are visiting relatives for a few weeks.

Lewis Tirrell was home from Gorham, N. H., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. King Bartlett were in Norway, Saturday evening.

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Verna Kimball was home from Norway over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McIntire and children visited at Charles Stone's, Sunday.

Miss Marguerite Winslow and Edith Farwell called on Mrs. Alta Bird, Sunday.

Miss Betty Hill and L. Kimball are on the sick list, Dr. Hubbard was called in attendance Sunday evening.

Miss Jane Brown and Donald Brown visited their grandmother, Mrs. E. E. Shedd, over the week end.

Robert Hall was home from Bridgton over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs James Kimball were in Norway last week.

There will be a circle at the vestry, May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fullerton have been spending a few days at Bar Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Walker have moved to the new house on the place

WEST GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Flanders and family visited her mother, Mrs. Kennagh, Sunday.

John Deegan has purchased a Dodge touring car.

Wilfred Baker of Rumford is working in town.

Mrs. John Gill and daughter, Abbie, visited her parents in Hale a few days recently.

Gertrude Harrington spent the week end in town.

W. A. Holt has been visited by his sister, Abbie, from California, his sister Lizzie and brother Charles from Massachusetts. They made the trip by auto.

J. F. Harrington and family returned Sunday after spending the winter in Portland.

Parker Conner has purchased a new Chevrolet touring car.

Mrs. Nellie Cross and daughter, Annie, were callers in town, Sunday.

Thomas Kennagh, Sr., started May 5 to visit his brother, Edward, in Denver, Colorado.

Bernard Harrington has a new Ford coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rix and friends of Berlin, N. H., visited his mother, Mrs. William Rix, Sunday.

Alister Lowe and family are occupying the house owned by Mrs. Rix.

Among the recent out of town callers have been Ray and Roy Cummings, H. E. Day, Dr. Twaddle, F. L. Edwards, Leonard Armstrong, Frank Sloane, Ernest Cross, F. E. Russell, Calvin Cummings and Forest Churchill.

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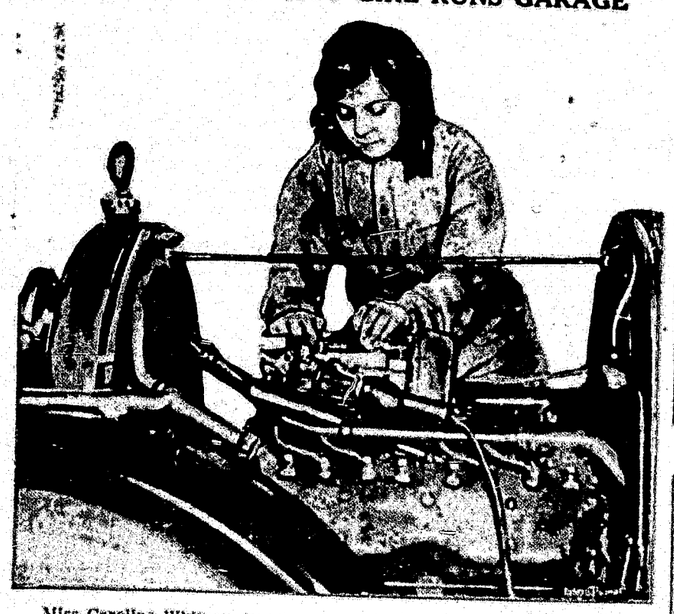


Miss Caroline Whitney, twenty-one-years old, who owns and operates the Whitney service station in Long Island City. She inherited the business some time ago and does most of the work herself. She is shown attaching a carburetor to a motor after an overhauling job.

STARTING ENGINE IN ZERO WEATHER

Priming Is Probably the Best Way Out of Predicament —Warm Up Slowly.

(By ERWIN GREER, President Greer Colleges of Automotive Engineering, Chicago.)

To start an automobile engine in zero weather is quite a problem, the difficulty of which depends upon the construction and size of the engine, the quality of fuel used, the strength of the spark, and, of course, the height of the mercury in the thermometer at the particular time.

As a first aid in starting, priming is probably the best way out of the predicament. There are many ways of priming an engine. The chief idea of priming is to get a rich explosive mixture that will fire the instant it touches the spark gaps. After the engine has been coaxed into starting it will—if so inclined—get up enough speed to run upon its customary allowance of gasoline. To make doubly sure it is advisable to pull out the primer a short distance to make the usual mixture slightly richer than normal until the engine obtains sufficient heat for average carburetion.

Take Time in Warming Up.

Take time in warming up the engine. Don't stamp your foot down on the accelerator and allow the engine to race like a brokendown Lewis gun, for with the poor lubrication, it usually results in serious damage. It is bound to have a bad effect if practiced regularly. Run the engine slowly for three or four minutes before setting it to work, and you can economize not only in repair bills, but also in oil and gasoline.

When you start your car on a cold mornings, have you noticed that the self-starter whirs a longer time than it did in summer before the engine starts? The self starter is designed to start the engine and will, if the battery is in proper condition. But bear in mind that the current consumption is not by any means proportional to the time that the self-starter consumes to start the engine.

More Current Demanded.

The greater viscosity of cold oil in winter will make the starting torque so great as to demand three or four times the amount of current from the battery than it did in summer. Therefore, assist the starting motor by providing the rich mixture mentioned. All of this mixture does not reach the cylinders, as much of it will condense on the cold walls of the intake manifold. In doing this you remove a goodly portion of the burden that would otherwise be demanded from the battery.

Homemade Wrench Handy for Many Car Purposes

A monkey wrench is a very handy tool, but it has a bothersome habit of opening of its own accord, and sometimes results in busted nuts. Here's how the Automobile Digest. A [illegible] set of solid wrenches is [illegible] but expensive for the [illegible] but with a little [illegible] can possess a set which will answer every purpose. A wrench can be made from a piece of oil pipe flattened either at one or both ends or in the middle. The flattening is done by heating to redness and hammering. As the common grade of piping has a seam, care should be taken to keep the seam in the center of the flattened portion, rather than near the ends. The opening is produced by first drilling and then filing to size.

Cause of Dim Lights

Did you ever wonder why the engine does not show the accustomed [illegible] or why the lights burn dimly or the ignition seems poor? Unscrew the wires and bare at the battery terminals and notice if they are clean. They must be clean if current is to flow freely. Scrape off with a stick any green or white deposit you see, and spread a little cup grease over the parts to prevent corrosion.

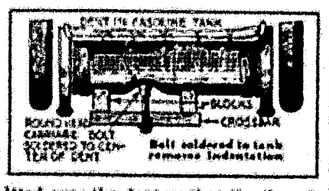
Good Driver Known by:

His skillful steering.
His ease of handling.
His thoughtfulness of pedestrians.
His properly adjusted steering apparatus.
His strict obedience to every traffic regulation.
His extensive and intelligent use of arm signals.
His use of the brakes before he gets to the curve.
His protection of his motor; his use of second and first speeds.
His alternate use of foot and hand brakes on long grades and in emergencies.
His avoidance of all obstacles, without endangering the occupants of his car, or any other car.
His respect for railway crossings; he stops, looks and shifts gears before he is actually on the tracks.

Repairing Dented Gas Tank by Simple Plan

If ever the gasoline tank of your car becomes dented, the tank may be repaired simply in this manner:

The first step is to fill the tank with water and drain it, to avoid any possibility of a gasoline explosion when solder is applied. A round-end carriage bolt is then soldered firmly to the center of the dinged portion of the tank. A crossbar with two blocks is



fitted over the dent so that the threaded end of the bolt passes through it. By means of a nut and washer on the bolt sufficient pressure can be exerted on the depression to draw it out flush.

If the hole was made by a collision, the same method may be used and the opening filled with the solder left after the bolt is removed.—M. T., in Popular Science Monthly.

Window in Car Ahead Is Help to Avoid Crashes

The glass window light in the back curtain of the car ahead can be very useful. Through it a lot of dangers can be seen in advance, much to the advantage of the man who is in the wake.

Where cars are running abreast of each other so that the road cannot be seen by looking around the car ahead, it is best to drive just far enough in back of the other car to look through its window light and windshield at the street ahead. When a quick stop is necessary the stopping of the car ahead will not be unexpected—nor so dangerous.

In close congestion where cars are moving very slowly, and only a few feet at a time, the stop signal can be used a lot of unnecessary flashing, and the battery current saved, if the driver would use his customary brake.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

Backlash, when in the steering column itself, is usually due to deterioration of the gearing and wear in the various members which support the column.

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A dynamo is a machine for converting mechanical energy into an electrical current; a starting motor transforms the electrical current into mechanical energy.

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When spark plugs habitually become fouled with oil and soot it is a good plan to investigate and see whether they may not be projecting too far into the combustion chamber.

SKILLINGSTON

Mr. S. H. Brown has been doing some papering for Mrs. Griffin.

Mrs. Annie Damon from Charleston, Vt., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Foley.

The mill is closed down this week, waiting for stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were in Rumford, Saturday, and called on her sister.

Jesse Chapman and Ernest Brinck called on Mrs. Griffin, Sunday.

Earl and Herbert Eaman and George Learned were callers in this place, Sunday.

A SHORT HISTORY OF RADIO

Replying to charges by Federal Trade Commission that eight leading industrial companies had secured a monopoly in foreign and domestic radio business, President Swope of General Electric Company, said:

"The connection of General Electric Company with question of radio communication dates back to the war. At that time radio communications in this country were handled by American Marconi Co., controlled by British Marconi Co."

Mr. Swope pointed out that to establish radio communication for the United States free from domination of foreign interest, the General Electric Company was induced to take the lead in reorganizing the American Marconi Company which eventuated in the formation of the Radio Corporation of America. Mr. Swope said: "To make Radio Corporation the most efficient instrument for transoceanic communication, General Electric made a contract with Radio Corporation giving the latter the benefit and advantage of all inventions it had made and would make in the future. To strengthen further the position of Radio Corporation in this art, similar contracts were made with other companies, the idea being to put Radio Corporation in possession of those patents necessary to make it an efficient organization for radio transmission and enable it best to serve public interests.

"This was all known to the government, and a representative designated by the government sat on the board of Radio Corporation for some time after its organization. Officials of Radio Corporation appeared before a Congressional committee, where all these relations relating to formation of Radio Corporation were told in detail. Several months ago the Federal Trade Commission published its statement as result of investigation of Radio Corporation of America and its relation to the various companies interested in it. This report was widely published. There was no indication in this report of any adverse opinion or action on part of the Federal Trade Commission.

"All that has been done with the idea of making Radio Corporation an efficient instrument of radio communication in interest of the government and the American public."

Is a national policy which seems to question the honesty or sincerity of every large business organization or group of business interests that attempt to render a highly efficient public service, going to encourage either the inventor, the investor or the organizer of progressive business undertakings? If every man, group of men, or company which attempts to render a nation-wide service is eventually to be accused of carrying on activities in restraint of trade, what incentive do we offer for real development? Radio communication has been the greatest experiment of the age. It has required courage and perseverance to put capital into an industry as new and untried as this.

New Haven railroad is pursuing policy of disposing of all its land holdings not needed for railroad purposes. Since July 1, 1913, it has sold $9,500,000 worth of property.

Epoch and Era

Epoch and era are usually used synonymously. In history either one denotes a fixed point in time, commonly selected on account of some remarkable event by which it has been distinguished, and which made the beginning or distinguishing point of a particular year, form with all other years, whether preceding or ensuing, are computed. Some writers distinguish between the terms epoch and era. According to them, both mark important events, but an era is an epoch of such a character as naturally called forth; an epoch is not marked in this way. The birth of Christ was both an epoch and an era, according to this view.

ANDOVER

The class parts for the commencement exercises of the Andover High School have been given out as follows:

Salutatory, Eva Damon.
Valedictory, Charles Cutting,
Class Will and Presentation of Gifts, Graydon Campbell
Class History and Prophecy, Louise Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Coburn have gone to the Middle Dam where they will open their hotel.

Arbor Day (Friday) was well observed in the schools and about town, trees were planted, yards and streets cleaned and in the afternoon a number of townspeople gathered at the cemetery and raked leaves and rubbish.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Hodgkins from Auburn are moving into the house of John Hewey at North Andover, which they have leased for five years.

The heavy rain of Monday put the rivers and brooks to freshet pitch.

The ladies of the Farm Bureau with the Home Demonstrator, Miss Sanborn, held an all day meeting in the hall Friday. Waist patterns were drafted and dress finishes taught. A most social day was enjoyed.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. W. Robinson.

The Elliott & Bartlett spool mill has a night crew working.

Edgar Hodsdon has rented the farm of Mrs. Emma Pratt and moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Burgess and Ralph Akers from Rumford visited their people, W. N. Akers, and family, Sunday.

Sylvanus Learned is very ill. Dr. Thibodeau and Dr. Somerville were in consultation Sunday.

Friday, May 9, born to the wife of Ralph Remmington, a son.

Miss Faye Dresser, Miss Della Thurston and friend from the Gorham Normal School, spent Sunday at their homes in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Driggers spent a few days in Lewiston last week.

Fred L. Grover is serving on the traverse jury at the Supreme Judicial Court held in Rumford this week.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Estella Goodridge and daughter, Libbie, have returned to their home here after spending the winter in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams have occupied their house but have moved to their home at Skillingston as Mr. Adams can go back and forth to his mill work here now by auto.

Mrs. Harry Mills visited Mrs. Emma Mills, Friday.

William Mills of the South Poland visited his mother, Mothers' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bell and daughter, Madlyn, and Mrs. Bion Brown of So. Paris visited relatives here on Mothers' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl White of West Peru were callers at Nettie Mason's, Sunday.

Herbert Mason has two nannie goats.

NORTH NEWRY

Grover Brooks and family of Bethel were in town, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wight attended Pomona Grange at West Bethel last Tuesday.

Herbert Morton is having an addition built onto his store. Frank Morton of Andover is doing the work.

M. A. Paine was in Bethel, Sunday.

Miss Carrie Wight, her mother Mrs. Sarah White, Mrs. E. B. Brown and Master George Wight attended the Mothers' Day services at Bethel, Sunday.

Harold Bennett was in Upton the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker called at Joe Chapman's in Grafton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Walker have gone to Albany to live. Mr. Walker bought a farm there last fall.

Miss Vaughn Morton is spending a few days in Andover.

The Brothers of Bear River Grange are preparing the program for the next regular meeting Saturday night, May 17 as it is Fishermen's Night.

W. B. Wight is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wight.

Miss Irene Coolidge has been quite ill the past week. Her mother, Mrs. Cool[illegible] has been caring for her.

Alphonso Kilker, who has been spending a week in Boston and Nashua, N. H., returned Monday.

Mrs. Hendron and Mrs. Ashenfelter of Bethel were in town, Sunday.

Ball and family.

Mrs. Guy Bartlett, Mrs. Geo. Knight and Mrs. C. M. Kimball of Alder River Grange attended Oxford Pomona at W. Bethel, Tuesday, May 6th.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Octavia Bean has returned from Bethel village and opened her home here for the summer.

Mrs. Edith Howe visited her father, Mr. B. W. Kimball, over the week end.

Miss Beth Morris, a teacher at Gould's Academy, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Newton.

Miss Joan Skillings, who is teaching school in the town of Mason, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Coolidge.

Mrs. Bessie Sloane was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn Bean of Rumford were Sunday guests of Mrs. Octavia Bean.

Mrs. D. C. Foster is the guest of relatives in Lynn, Mass., also visiting her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Foster, who is there for treatment.

Mrs. Harriet Thurston of Rumford is caring for Mrs. Foster's family while she is away.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Clark, Messrs. Hugh and Wendell Clark of Auburn, Mrs. G. N. Sanborn and daughter, Miss Mary Sanborn of Bethel were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kim-

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THE automobile is a benefit to civilization. It must not be converted into a menace by the small minority of owners, less than 5 per cent, who do not drive considerately. The man who cannot drive carefully has no right on the highway. Neither has his car. We believe that fines have but small efficiency as a punishment for reckless driving. The suspension and revocation of licenses are much more effective. Jail sentences are better still. Finally the use of the highways should be granted only to those who use a car wisely and fairly.

Our plan calls for the impounding of cars, where, after due process of law, the offense of reckless driving has been proven. We believe that the minimum should be at least sixty days and that the period of impounding should be extended according to the seriousness of the offense. The automobile industry recommends this additional penalty.

Massachusetts statistics have shown that 30 per cent of 500 motor car fatalities resulted from "driving too fast for conditions." Statistics also show that about 10 per cent of the accidents followed the driving of a car by an intoxicated person. The fear of God must be put into the murdering criminals who cause such accidents.

We believe that our suggestion of impounding is feasible. It will reach many minor offenses for which juries now hesitate to impose jail sentences.

We have not taken this step without carefully checking the legal side. It is part of police practice to confiscate that which is used to the detriment of the public. We constantly see police taking away murderous weapons, gambling devices, drugs, alcoholic liquors, and the vehicles in which they are conveyed.

We believe that even under present law our suggestion is legal. If not, we shall recommend the enactment by all the legislatures of laws which will make our impounding plan possible.

Our plan does not comprise the establishment of municipal pounds. We suggest one or two things: First, that the car should be impounded in the garage of the owner with police seals attached. Second, that the car should be impounded, at the owner's expense, in a public garage, with police seals attached. In either case, the car could not be returned to service until the police had removed the seals. We believe that many an offender who scorns a fine would be chastened by the temporary loss of his car.

You Must Go to School, for Your Country and for the Government

By WILLIAM M'ANDREW, Chicago School Superintendent.

It took us schoolmasters until the time of Woodrow Wilson to wake up to the idea that the old notion of education which had existed before the Revolution should have been changed when the American Revolution came in. Why? Because the object of education in the old European days was for the individual, my advancement, and it was for the higher born.

We linked together two words, gentleman and scholar, and what was a gentleman? If one came in how could you recognize him? By the lace collar around his neck, by the lace on his sleeves, by his long hair, and this costume meant I cannot sweat, I am a gentleman, I do no work with my hands, and that built up an education that was suited for that kind of costume, a white collar, white cuff education which was for those of superior rank.

In my boyhood days it was considered a privilege to go to school, and if you did not behave you could be suspended. Then, by degrees, we put in the compulsory education law, which means now it is a duty for you to go to school, you must go to school. What for? For yourself? No, but for your country and the government. You ask a boy, as he sits on the front seat, what he is going to school for and the answer is not in order that he may learn, in order that he may get ahead, but he is going to school in order that he may serve his country. For it is his country that is paying for his education.

Reëstablishment of Old-Fashioned Town-Meeting in American Life

By DR. HENRY E. JACKSON, Social Engineer.

The cure-our-physician's remedy for the ills that New York and other cities are heir to is a simple one. It is nothing more than the re-establishment of the old-fashioned town meeting in American life. The ordinary individual would be social if he had an opportunity and a place to be so. He would cooperate with other individuals and make himself felt, but at present he can't, he is powerless, and he might as well be inarticulate.

One person cannot make himself felt among five million unless he can find others who think as he does; in a word, unless he is organized. But you cannot organize five million of people, either. You couldn't get them all together in one place. Consequently it is planned to divide New York up, for the purpose of the town meeting project, into the villages from which she grew.

You see, a village is not only a geographical expression; it is also an idea. We will reconstruct these villages socially along the old lines of village life, each centering around its meeting. Then Mr. Average Citizen and his fellows will no longer be submerged, but will be able to make themselves felt in the right way. The town meeting will give people a chance to practice citizenship all the time.

The Only Revolution in the World That Amounts to a Hill of Beans

By PROF. T. N. CARVER, Harvard University.

The only revolution anywhere in the world that amounts to a hill of beans is getting place to its country now—a peaceful economic revolution by which farmers are rapidly entering the capitalist class.

Any one reasonably familiar with the facts, especially of the professional sort, knows that farmers are becoming capitalists. Practically everybody knows it. Only a few city folks are still in the professional reformers are talking as if it were not. The real things are accomplished not by people who think they are accomplishing great things, they are accomplished by people who do the day's work and do it well, who function efficiently in society and don't always think that they are revolutionizing the world. And this is the kind of revolution.

The ownership of the farmers and the plants by the workers themselves is coming more rapidly in the country than it can possibly come in any other country, and it is coming without any reformer knowing that it is coming. He has not had anything to do with it. It is coming because the ordinary economic forces are putting into the hands of the workers the money with which to buy the plant in which they are working.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SEASCOUTING TO THE FORE

That vigorous and picturesque branch of the boy scout program known as seascouting and designed in the interests of the older boy is to be opened up to all boy scout troops, no matter where they are located, according to the plan of the recent seascout conference.

Where the salty sea is not available, at least those features of the seascout program that can be carried out on land will be, such as navigation, astronomy, ship construction, signaling, wireless, sail-making, boat drill, sounding, map reading, charting, etc.

The objects of seascouting are identical with those of land scouting, with greater emphasis on nautical training. Because seascout training has proved of incalculable benefit to the older boy, the conference recommended in the interests of greater progress, that the formation of troops be simplified, and be made similar to that of land troops; also, that certain requirements be made for advancement in the first three ranks, as in land scouting, and that other advanced work be optional, as in the case of the Merit badge work of the land scout.

A seascout reserve is also recommended, the program of which is to be made available to all existing troops. This work of the reserve will develop more experts in water safety, thereby providing safety-first leadership in camps, and will make possible community life-saving units.

The blue and tan uniform is to be done away with, according to plans of the conference, and the regular sailor uniform is to be adopted. A special dress uniform for shore leave is also recommended.

At the conference fifty of the seventy-seven registered ships were represented.

In the nautical world are many prominent supporters of the character-building work of seascouting.

Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. N., who is one of these strong advocates of the work, has said: "The seascout training included in the boy scout program emphasizes the highest ideals and traditions of the sea, and by teaching the necessity in seafaring for such virtues as unselfishness, self-discipline, team work and obedience, makes for men of purpose and character."

To James A. Wilder, chief seascout, much of the success of this virile branch of the scout movement is due.

BOY SCOUT MAP SKETCHING

Scouting's method of "learning by doing" illustrated in map making, one of the many side scouting affords a boy in teaching him how to observe the out-of-doors and how to successfully blaze or follow the trail.

LOVES SCOUTS AND ARCHERY

Among the favorite hobbies of Douglas Fairbanks are boy scouts and archery. The noted screen star became an archery enthusiast through his practice in the sport preparatory to his taking the part of the famous outlaw bowman in "Robin Hood," in the recent motion picture of that name. "As a lover of boy scouts and a lover of the bow and arrow," says Fairbanks, "I am glad archery has a place in the scout curriculum. It develops steady nerves, and so aids seascouts wonderful work of character building and citizenship training."

SCOUT SAVES GRANDFATHER

Saving his grandfather's life is the proud achievement of Scout Theodore Hamilton, Jr. The scout was standing near the pier at the family summer home in Connecticut when he saw his grandfather suddenly fall from the edge of the pier into very deep water. The lad at once jumped in, secured the struggling man with a hold taught in scout swimming lessons, and using a carry, also learned in his scout work, brought the elderly man safely to shore.

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Harold, age six, and his sister, scarcely two years his senior, were playing when Mrs. Lynn called to them:

"One of you children run upstairs and get me a spool of black thread."

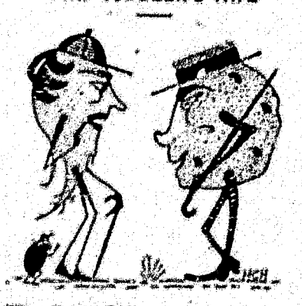
"You go, Harold," said Florence, "I'm tired."

"I am tired, too; you go, yourself."

"Well, Harold, I'm older than you, and I've had more time to get tired. You go." This line of reasoning was almost too much for Harold, but he finally rallied with:

"I don't care if you are older and have had more time to get tired. You've had more time to get rested, too. You go."

THE COBBLER'S AWL



The Beet—Tell me, why are you called the Irish Cobbler?

The Potato—Oh, because I give my all to the service of man, I suppose.

Joy Ride.

The "joy ride" finds a sudden stop
That relieves the merrymaker.
You're lucky if you meet the cop
And not the undertaker.

Quite So.

Smith—No man is as bad as his wife pretends to think he is. I've noticed that.

Jones—And I've noticed this: No man is as good as the man his wife pretends she wished she had married.

After the Wrong Game.

"Maud is forever fishing for compliments."

"Perhaps that is why she doesn't land a husband."

No Joke.

Blinks—The world is running to wheels.

Jinks—But the pedestrians are running from them.

Apt Comparison.

"This book is as bright as a new penny."

"I guess you are right. I can't make head or tail of it."

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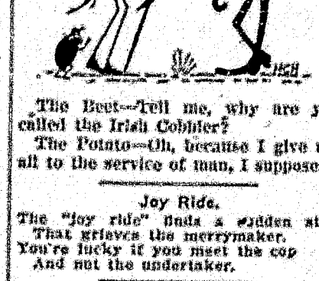

"I hear your husband is very attentive."

"Yes—to every lady but me."

Increasing Responsibility.

Our laws have run a curious course
Since distant days of yore.
When what we have we can't enforce
We go and get some more.

Banking Rules.

"If I deposit 1,000,000 paper marks, you will, of course, pay interest?"

"On the contrary, we shall have to charge you storage."

Clipped From Exchange.

"Who's your cook now?"

"Della."

"Della, who?"

"Della Katessen."

Friends No Longer.

Maud—Oh, well, beauty passes, you know.

Betty—Yes; a pity you didn't step it on its way, isn't it?

He Had Been Thinking.

She—But don't you believe that two can live cheaper than one?

He—Yes; two men can live much cheaper than one woman.

HE'LL GET IT, ALL RIGHT

Mouse—Look at that pig eating all the cheese. Here's where I get mine.

Nonenforcement.

By officials were surprised
As precepts we forget.
The Golden Rule will advertised,
Is not enforced as yet.

Telephone Voice

Tests prove that the human voice can be transmitted by telephone clearly only when the speaker's mouth is close to the transmitter. To speak four inches from the instrument is equivalent to lengthening the line more than 200 miles, ten inches away, 12½ miles. Lower-pitched tones are transmitted better than those of a high pitch.

CANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Tirrell and daughter, Mildred, of Casco, were recent guests of Mr. Tirrell's uncle, Asia Hayford.

Mr. and Mrs. Elon Dailey have returned home after spending the winter with Elmer Dailey in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernley Bubier of Norway are spending a week with Mrs. Bubier's mother, Mrs. Mary Reed. Mr. Bubier is recovering from burns received recently at the bakery in Norway where he is employed.

Canton high played an 11-inning game with Mexico high at the Canton ball field, Monday. The result was a victory for the visiting team, 6 to 4. On Saturday Canton played against Leavitt Institute at Turner, losing the game 10 to 6. The track meet held on Thursday between Canton high and Buckfield high was won by Canton 60 to 39.

The performance of "A Little Clodhopper" at the Canton Opera House was well attended. Two vocal solos by Florence Sawyer were much enjoyed. A dance followed the play with music by the Dixie Ramblers of Dixfield.

Allie Barrows and sister, Mrs. Abbie Haskell, of East Sumner have been visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tripp are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on May 2.

Mrs. Percy Davenport has returned to her home in North Hartford after a two weeks stay at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, where she submitted to an operation for appendicitis.

Fred Potter of Gilbertville has the position of Federal State road patrolman and has a crew of men and several horses at work.

Mrs. W. S. Ingersoll of Monmouth has been spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Tirrell, and other relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll formerly of Canton are moving to Norway where Mr. Ingersoll will be foreman of the corn canning factory.

Mrs. Philura Stront is visiting friends in Lewiston for a few days.

W. A. Lucas has returned from a few days visit with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Newman, and family of Auburn.

Friends in town have received news of the engagement of Eleanor E. Westgate of Salem to Charles H. Norris. Miss Westgate was a former resident of Canton, and for the last few years has been employed by the State Street Trust Company, Boston.

Mrs. Montieze Glover was a week end visitor of her husband, Harry Glover, in Rumford.

Veda Burhoe underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Marie's Hospital, Lewiston, Thursday. She is as comfortable as can be expected.

Carl Roberts of Canton Point is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Roberts, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lane and son, Richard, of Auburn were week end guests of Mrs. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

C. A. Capen sold his horse to Mike Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coolidge spent Sunday with his son, Edgar, and family at East Bethel.

Charles Capen went to Lewiston last week and purchased a horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Winslow are rejoicing over the birth of a son May 9.

Augustus Carter has finished his work at his uncle's, Charles Capen's, and returned home Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Cates visited her sister, Mrs. C. A. Capen, Monday.

Electric railways of the United States will spend $262,000,000 in 1924 for purchase of new plant and equipment and maintenance materials. Of this total $150,000,000 will be expended for improvements and expansions.

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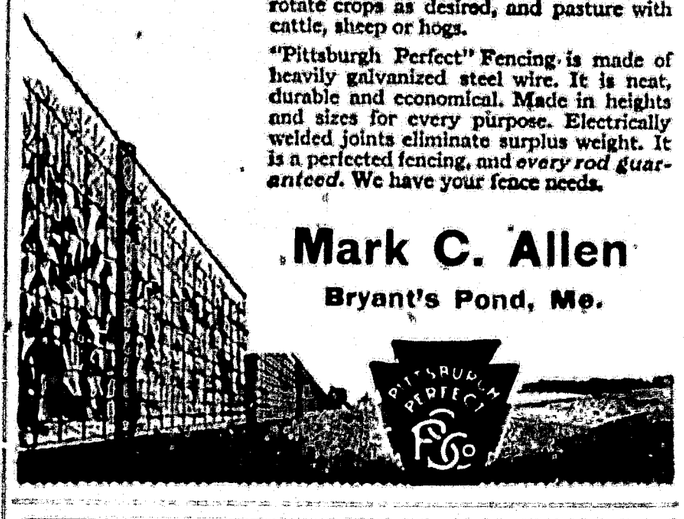

CEDAR SHINGLES
We have just received a car of Cedar Shingles of the different grades and have same at Mr. Fred Hall's stable on Main St., Bethel, which we are using as a storehouse.
These shingles are from a good mill and are an excellent purchase at the prices we ask, which are as below:
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Clears, 6.25 " "
Get in touch with Mr. Herbert Bean, our local representative, and he will gladly show these shingles.
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"There is no need to be rude," said Sam stiffly. "A man may have chances."

THREE MEN AND A MAID

by P.G. Wodehouse

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Mrs. Horace Hignett, world-famous writer on theosophy, author of "The Spreading Light," etc., etc., arrives in New York on a lecturing tour. Eustace, her son, is with her Windles, ancestral home of the Hignetts, is his, so her life is largely devoted to keeping him unmarried. Enter her nephew, Sam, son of Sir Mallaby Marlowe, the eminent London lawyer. It is arranged that Sam and Eustace shall sail together on the Atlantic the next day. Enter Bream Mortimer, American, son of a friend of an insufferable American named Bennett, who has been pestering Mrs. Hignett to lease Windles. Bream informs her that Wilhelmina Bennett is waiting for Eustace at the Little Church Round the Corner. Bream himself is in love with Wilhelmina. Mrs. Hignett marches off to Eustace's room.

CHAPTER II.—The scene shifts to the Atlantic at her pier. Sam, heading for the gangplank, meets a glorious, red-headed girl, with whom he instantly falls in love, though her dog bites him. Eustace appears, heartbroken. It appears that his mother had "pinched his trousers" and delayed the ceremony, whereupon Wilhelmina had declared the wedding off. Sam is pushed overboard, but gets credit for saving a drowning man. Rejoining the Atlantic at quarantine, Sam is hailed as a hero by the red-headed girl, who introduces him to Bream Mortimer and says she is Wilhelmina Bennett, whose friends call her "Billie."

CHAPTER III.—Eustace, a poor sailor, stays in the stateroom, nursing his grief. He doesn't know Billie is on board or that Sam has met her. Sam gets pointers from Eustace about Billie and makes warm love to her. Billie has with her a friend, Jane Hubbard, a big-game hunter.

He let down the trick basin which hung beneath the mirror and, collecting his shaving materials, began to lather his face.

"I am the Bandolero!" sang Sam blithely through the soap. "I am, I am the Bandolero! Yes, yes, I am the Bandolero!"

The untidy heap of bedclothes in the lower berth stirred restlessly.

"Oh, G—d!" said Eustace Hignett thrusting out a tousled head.

Sam regarded his cousin with commiseration. Horrid things had been happening to Eustace during the last few days, and it was quite a pleasant surprise each morning to find that he was still alive.

"Feeling bad again, old man?"

"I was feeling all right," replied Hignett churlishly, "until you began the farmyard imitations. What sort of a day is it?"

"Glorious! The sea . . ."

"Don't talk about the sea!"

"Sorry! The sun is shining brighter than it has ever shone in the history of the race. Why don't you get up?"

"Nothing will induce me to get up."

"Well, go a regular buster and have an egg for breakfast."

Eustace Hignett shuddered.

"Do you think I am an ostrich?" He eyed Sam sourly. "You seem devilish pleased with yourself this morning!"

Sam dried the razor carefully and put it away. He hesitated. Then the desire to confide in somebody got the better of him.

"The fact is," he said apologetically, "I'm in love!"

"In love!" Eustace Hignett sat up and bumped his head sharply against the berth above him. "Has this been going on long?"

"Ever since the voyage started."

"I think you might have told me," said Eustace reproachfully. "I told you my troubles. Why did you not let me know that this awful thing had come upon you?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, old man, during these last few days I had a notion that your mind was, so to speak, occupied elsewhere."

"Who is she?"

"Oh, a girl I met on board."

"Don't do it!" said Eustace Hignett solemnly. "As a friend I entreat you not to do it! Take my advice, as a man who knows women, and don't do it!"

"Don't do what?"

"Propose to her. I can tell by the glitter in your eye that you are intending to propose to this girl—what's-her-name this morning. Don't do it. Women are the devil, whether they marry you or jilt you. Do you realize that women wear high evening dresses that have to be hooked up in a hurry when you are late for the theater, and that, out of sheer woman wilfulness, the hooks and eyes on those dresses are also made black? Do you realize . . . ?"

"Oh, I've thought it all out."

"And take the matter of children. How would you like to become the father—and a mere glance around you will show you that the chances are enormously in favor of such a thing happening—of a boy with spectacles and protruding front teeth who asks questions all the time? Out of six small boys whom I saw when I came on board, four were spectacles and had teeth like rabbits. The other two were equally revolting in different styles. How would you like to become the father . . ."

"There is no need to be indelicate," said Sam stiffly. "A man must take long chances."

"Give her the miss," pleaded Hignett. "Stay down here for the rest of the voyage. You can easily dodge her when you get to Southampton. And, if she sends messages, say you're ill and can't be disturbed."

Sam gazed at him, revolted. More than ever he began to understand how it was that a girl with ideals had broken off her engagement with this man. He finished dressing, and, after a satisfying breakfast, went on deck.

It was, as he had said, a glorious morning. The sample which he had had through the porthole had not prepared him for the magic of it. The ship swam in a vast bowl of the purest blue on an azure carpet flecked with silver. It was a morning which impelled a man to great deeds, a morning which shouted to him to chuck his chest out and be romantic. The sight of Billie Bennett, trim and gleaming in a pale green sweater and a white skirt had the effect of causing Marlowe to alter the program which he had sketched out. Proposing to this girl was not a thing to be put off till after lunch. It was a thing to be done now and at once. The finest efforts of the finest cooks in the world could not put him in better form than he felt at present.

"Good morning, Miss Bennett."

"Good morning, Mr. Marlowe."

"Isn't it a perfect day?"

"Wonderful!"

"It makes all the difference on board ship if the weather is fine."

"Yes, doesn't it?"

"Shall we walk around?" said Billie.

Sam glanced about him. It was the time of day when the promenade deck was always full. Passengers in cocoons of rugs lay on chairs, waiting in a dull trance till the steward should arrive with the eleven o'clock soup. Others, more energetic, strode up and down. From the point of view of a man who wished to reveal his most sacred feelings to a beautiful girl, the place was practically Fifth avenue and Forty-second street.

"It's so crowded," he said. "Let's go onto the upper deck."

"All right. You can read to me. Go and fetch your Tennyson."

Sam felt that fortune was playing into his hands. His four-days' acquaintance with the bard had been sufficient to show him that the man was there forty ways when it came to writing about love. You could open his collected works almost anywhere and shut your eyes and dab down your finger on some red-hot passage. A proposal of marriage is a thing which is rather difficult to bring neatly into the ordinary run of conversation. It wants leading up to. But, if you once start reading poetry, especially Tennyson's, almost anything is apt to give you your cue. He bounded light-heartedly into the stateroom, waking Eustace Hignett from an uneasy doze.

"Now what?" said Eustace.

"Where's that copy of Tennyson you gave me? I left it—ah, here it is. Well, see you later!"

"Wait! What are you going to do?"

"Oh, that girl I told you about," said Sam, making for the door. "She wants me to read Tennyson to her on the upper deck."

"Tennyson?"

"Yes."

"On the upper deck?"

"That's the spot."

"This is the end," said Eustace Hignett, turning his face to the wall.

Sam raced up the companionway as far as it went; then, going out on deck, climbed a flight of steps and found himself in the only part of the ship which was ever even comparatively private. The main herd of passengers preferred the promenade deck, even in a fortune.

He skirted his way through a maze of boats, pulleys and curiously-shaped steel structures which the officers of the ship seemed to have tacked on at the last moment in a spirit of sheer exuberance. Above this lowered one of the funnels, before him a long, slender mast. He hurried on, and presently came upon Billie sitting on a garden seat, backed by the white roof of the smokeroom; beside this was a small deck which seemed to have lost its way and strayed up here all by itself. It was the deck on which one could occasionally see the patients playing an old game with long sticks and bits of wood—not shuffleboard but something even lower in the mental scale. This morning, however, the devotees of this pastime were apparently under proper restraint, for the deck was empty.

"This is jolly," he said, sitting down beside the girl and drawing a deep breath of satisfaction.

"Yes, I love this deck. It's so peaceful."

"It's the only part of the ship where you can be reasonably sure of not meeting stout men in flannels and nautical hats. An ocean voyage always makes me wish that I had a private yacht."

"It would be nice."

"A private yacht," repeated Sam, sliding a trifle closer. "We would sail about, visiting desert islands which lay like jewels in the heart of tropic seas."

"We?"

"Most certainly we. It wouldn't be any fun if you were not there."

"That's very complimentary."

"Well, it wouldn't. I'm not fond of girls as a rule . . ."

"Oh, aren't you?"

"No!" said Sam decidedly. It was a point which he wished to make clear at the outset. "Not at all fond. My friends have often remarked upon it. A palmist once told me that I had one of those rare spiritual natures which cannot be satisfied with substitutes but must seek and seek till they find their soul-mate. When other men all round me were frittering away their emotions in idle flirtations which did not touch their deeper natures, I was . . . I was . . . well, I wasn't, if you see what I mean."

"Oh, you wasn't . . . weren't—?"

"No. Some day I knew I should meet the only girl I could possibly love, and then I would pour out upon her the stored-up devotion of a life-time.

"How Jolly for Her. Like Having a Circus All to Oneself."

lay an unblemished heart at her feet, fold her in my arms and say, 'At last!'"

"How jolly for her. Like having a circus all to oneself."

"Well, yes," said Sam after a momentary pause.

"When I was a child I always thought that that would be the most wonderful thing in the world."

"The most wonderful thing in the world is love, a pure and consuming love, a love which . . ."

"Oh, hello!" said a voice.

All through this scene, right from the very beginning of it, Sam had not been able to rid himself of a feeling that there was something missing. The time and the place and the girl—they were all present and correct; nevertheless there was something missing, some familiar object which seemed to leave a gap. He now perceived that what had caused the feeling was the complete absence of Bream Mortimer. He was absent no longer. He was standing in front of them with one leg advanced, his head lowered as if he were waiting for someone to scratch it. Sam's primary impulse was to offer him a nut.

"Oh, hello, Bream!" said Billie.

"Hullo!" said Sam.

"Hullo!" said Bream Mortimer. "Here you are!"

There was a pause.

"I thought you might be here," said Bream.

"Yes, here we are," said Billie.

"Yes, we're here," said Sam.

There was another pause.

"Mind if I join you?" said Bream.

"N-no," said Sam.

"No," said Billie again. "No . . . that is to say . . . oh no, not at all."

There was a third pause.

"On second thoughts," said Bream, "I believe I'll take a stroll on the promenade deck, if you don't mind."

They said they didn't mind. Bream Mortimer, having bumped his head twice against overhanging steel ropes, walked away.

"Who is that fellow?" demanded Sam wrathfully.

"He's the son of father's best friend."

Sam started. Somehow this girl had always been so intellectual to him that he had never thought of her having a father.

"We have known each other all our lives," continued Billie. "Father thinks a combination of us a certainty. I suppose it was because Bream was walking by her that father insisted on my coming over on this boat. I'm in disgrace, you know. I was called for and had to call at a few days' notice. I . . ."

"Oh, hello!"

"Why, Bream!" said Billie, looking at him as he stood on the old spot in the same familiar attitude with rather less affection than the son of her father's best friend might have expected. "I thought you said you were going down to the promenade deck."

"I did go down to the promenade deck. And Ted kindly got there when a fellow whose getting up the ship's concert tomorrow night nobbled me to do a couple of songs. He wanted to know if I knew anyone else who would help. I came up to ask you," he said to Sam, "if you would do something."

"No," said Sam. "I won't."

"He's got a man who's going to lecture on deep-sea fish and a couple of women who both want to sing 'The Rosary,' but he's still an act or two short. Sure you won't rally round?"

"Quite sure."

"Oh, all right." Bream Mortimer hovered wistfully above them. "It's a great morning, isn't it?"

"Yes," said Sam.

"Oh, Bream!" said Billy.

"Hello?"

"Do be a pet and go and talk to Jane Hubbard. I'm sure she must be feeling lonely. I left her all by herself down on the next deck."

A look of alarm spread itself over Bream's face.

"Jane Hubbard! Oh, say, have a heart!"

"She's a very nice girl."

"She's so darned dynamic. She looks at you as if you were a giraffe or something and she would like to take a pot at you with a rifle."

"Nonsense! Run along. Get her to tell you some of her big-game hunting experiences. They are most interesting."

Bream drifted sadly away.

"I don't blame Miss Hubbard," said Sam.

"What do you mean?"

"Looking at him as if she wanted to pot at him with a rifle. I should like to do it myself. What were you saying when he came up?"

"Oh, don't let's talk about me. Read me some Tennyson."

Sam opened the book very willingly. Infernal Bream Mortimer had absolutely shot to pieces the spell which had begun to fall on them at the beginning of their conversation. Only by reading poetry, it seemed to him, could it be recovered. And when he saw the passage at which the volume had opened he realized that his luck was in. Good old Tennyson! He was all right. He had the stuff. You could send him to hit in a pinch every time with the comfortable knowledge that he would not strike out.

He cleared his throat.

"Oh let the solid ground
Not fail beneath my feet
Before my life has found
What some have found so sweet;
Then let come what come may.
What matter if I go mad,
I shall have had my day.

"Let the sweet heavens endure,
Not close and darken above me
Before I am quite quite sure
That there is one to love me. . . ."

This was absolutely topping. It was like diving off a springboard. He could see the girl sitting with a soft smile on her face, her eyes, big and dreamy, gazing out over the sunlit sea. He laid down the book and took her hand.

"There is something," he began in a low voice, "which I have been trying to say ever since we met, something which I think you must have read in my eyes."

Her head was bent. She did not withdraw her hand.

"Until this voyage began," he went on, "I did not know what life meant. And then I saw you! It was like the gate of heaven opening. You're the dearest girl I ever met, and you can bet I'll never forget . . ." He stopped. "I'm not trying to make it rhyme," he said apologetically. "Billie, don't think me silly . . . I mean . . . if you had the merest qualm, dearest . . . I don't know what's the matter with me . . . Billie, darling, you are the only girl in the world! I have been looking for you for years and years and I have found you at last, my soul-mate. Surely this does not come as a surprise to you? That is, I mean, you must have seen that I've been keen. . . . There's that d—d Walt Mason stuff again!" His eyes fell on the volume beside him and he uttered an exclamation of enlightenment. "It's those poems," he cried. "I've been boning them up to such an extent that they've got me doing it, too. What I'm trying to say is, Will you marry me?"

She was drooping toward him. Her face was very sweet and tender, her eyes misty. He slid an arm about her waist. She raised her lips to his.

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Suddenly she drew herself away, a cloud on her face.

"Darling," she said, "I've a confession to make."

"A confession? You? Nonsense!"

"I can't get rid of a horrible

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thought. I was wondering if this will last."

"Our love? Don't be afraid that it will fade . . . I mean . . . why, it's so vast it's bound to last . . . that is to say, of course it will."

She traced a pattern on the deck with her shoe.

"I'm afraid of myself. You see, once before—and it was not so very long ago—I thought I had met my ideal, but . . ."

Sam laughed heartily.

"Are you worrying about that absurd business of poor old Eustace Hignett?"

She started violently.

"You know!"

"Of course! He told me himself."

"Do you know him? Where did you meet him?"

"I've known him all my life. He's my cousin. As a matter of fact, we are sharing a stateroom on board now."

"Eustace is on board! Oh, this is awful! What shall I do when I meet him?"

"Oh, pass it off with a light laugh and a genial quip. Just say: 'Oh, here you are!' or something. You know the sort of thing."

"It will be terrible."

"Not a bit of it. Why should you feel embarrassed? He must have realized by now that you acted in the only possible way. It was absurd his ever expecting you to marry him. I mean to say, just look at it dispassionately . . . Eustace . . . poor old Eustace . . . and you! The Princess and the Swineherd!"

"Does Mr. Hignett keep pigs?" she asked, surprised.

"I mean that poor old Eustace is so far below you, darling, that, with the most charitable intentions, one can only look on his asking you to marry him in the light of a record exhibition of pure nerve. A dear, good fellow, of course, but hopeless where the sterner realities of life are concerned. A man who can't even stop a dog-fight! In a world which is practically one seething mass of fighting dogs, how could you trust yourself to such a one? Nobody is fonder of Eustace Hignett than I am, but . . . well, I mean to say!"

"I see what you mean. He really wasn't my ideal."

"Not by a mile."

She mused, her chin in her hand.

"Of course, he was quite a dear in a lot of ways."

"Oh, a splendid chap," said Sam tolerantly.

"Have you ever heard him sing? I think what first attracted me to him was his beautiful voice. He really sings extraordinarily well."

A slight but definite spasm of jealousy afflicted Sam. He had no objection to praising poor old Eustace within decent limits, but the conversation seemed to him to be confining itself too exclusively to one subject.

"Yes?" he said. "Oh, yes, I've heard him sing. Not lately. He does drawing-room ballads and all that sort of thing still, I suppose?"

"Have you ever heard him sing 'My love is like a glowing tulip that in an old-world garden grows'?"

"I have not had that advantage," replied Sam stiffly. "But anyone can sing a drawing-room ballad. Now something funny, something that will make people laugh, something that really needs putting across . . . that's a different thing altogether."

"Do you sing that sort of thing?"

"People have been good enough to say . . ."

"Then," said Billie decidedly, "you must certainly do something at the ship's concert tomorrow! The idea of your trying to hide your light under a bushel! I will tell Bream to count on you. He is an excellent accompanist. He can accompany you."

"Yes, but . . . well, I don't know," said Sam doubtfully. He could not help remembering that the last time he had sung in public had been at a supper at school, seven years before, and that on that occasion somebody whom it was a lasting grief to him that he had been unable to identify had thrown a pat of butter at him.

"Of course you must sing," said Billie. "I'll tell Bream when I go down to lunch. What will you sing?"

"Well—er—"

"Well, I'm sure it will be wonderful whatever it is. You are so wonderful in every way. You remind me of one of the heroes of old!"

Sam's discomposure vanished. In the first place, this was much more the sort of conversation which he felt the situation indicated. In the second place he had remembered that there was no need for him to sing at all. He could do that imitation of Frank Tinney which had been such a hit at the Trinity smoker. He was on safe ground there. He knew he was good. He clasped the girl to him and kissed her sixteen times.

Suddenly, as he released her, the cloud came back into her face.

"My angel," he asked solicitously, "what's the matter?"

"I was thinking of father," she said.

The glorious splendor of the morning took on a touch of chill for Sam.

"Father?" he said thoughtfully. "Yes, I see what you mean! He will think that we have been a little precipitate, eh? He will require a little time in order to learn to love me, you think?"

"He is sure to be pretty angry at first," agreed Billie. "You see I know he has always hoped that I would marry Bream."

"Bream! Bream Mortimer! What a silly thing to hope!"

"Well, you see, I told you that Mr. Mortimer was father's best friend. They are both over in England now, and are trying to get a house in the country for the summer which we can all share. I rather think the idea is to bring me and Bream closer together."

"How the deuce could that fellow be brought any closer to you? He's like a burr as it is."

"Well, that was the idea. I'm sure. Of course I could never look at Bream now."

"I hate looking at him myself," said Sam feelingly.

A group of afflicted persons, bent upon playing with long sticks and bits of wood, now invaded the upper deck. Their weak-minded cries filled the air. Sam and the girl rose.

"Touching on your father once more," he said as they made their way below, "is he a very formidable sort of man?"

"He can be a dear. But he's rather quick-tempered. You must be very ingratiating."

"I will practice it in front of the glass every morning for the rest of the voyage," said Sam.

He went down to the stateroom in a mixed mood of elation and apprehension. He was engaged to the most wonderful girl in the world, but over the horizon loomed the menacing figure of Father. He wished he could induce Billie to allow him to waive the formality of thawing Father. Eustace Hignett had apparently been able to do so. But that experience had presumably engendered a certain caution in her. The Hignett fiasco had spoiled her for runaway marriages. Well, it had to be done, it must be done, and that was all there was to it.

CHAPTER V

"Good G—d!" cried Eustace Hignett.

He stared at the figure which loomed above him in the fading light which came through the porthole of the stateroom. The hour was seven-thirty and he had just woken from a troubled doze, full of strange nightmares, and for the moment he thought that he must still be dreaming, for the figure before him could have walked straight into any nightmare and no questions asked. Then suddenly he became aware that it was his cousin, Samuel Marlowe. As in the historic case of father in the pigsty, he could tell him by his hat. But why was he looking like that? Was it simply some trick of the uncertain light, or was his face really black and had his mouth suddenly grown to six times its normal size and become a vivid crimson?

Sam turned. He had been looking at himself in the mirror with a satisfaction which, to the casual observer, his appearance would not have seemed to justify. Hignett had not been suffering from a delusion. His cousin's face was black; and, even as he turned, he gave it a dab with a piece of burnt cork and made it blacker.

"Hullo! You awake?" he said and switched on the light.

Eustace Hignett shied like a startled horse. His friend's profile, seen dimly, had been disconcerting enough. Full face, he was a revolting object. Nothing that Eustace Hignett had encountered in his recent dreams—and they had included such unusual fauna as elephants in top hats and running shorts—had affected him so profoundly. Sam's appearance smote him like a blow. It seemed to take him straight into a different and dreadful world.

"What . . . what . . . what . . . ?" he gurgled.

Sam agitated at himself in the glass and added a touch of black to his nose.

"How do I look?"

Eustace Hignett began to fear that his cousin's reason must have become unseated. He could not conceive of any really sane man, looking like that, being anxious to be told how he looked.

"Are my lips red enough? It's for the ship's concert, you know. It starts in half an hour, though I believe I'm not on till the second part. Speaking as a friend, would you put a touch more black round the ears, or are they all right?"

Curiosity replaced apprehension in Hignett's mind.

"What on earth are you doing performing at the ship's concert?"

"Oh, they roped me in. It got about somehow that I was a valuable man and they wouldn't take no." Sam deepened the color of his ears. "As a matter of fact," he said casually, "my fiancee made rather a point of my doing something."

A sharp yell from the lower berth proclaimed the fact that the significance of the remark had not been lost on Eustace.

"Your fiancee?"

"The girl I'm engaged to. Didn't I tell you about that? Yes, I'm engaged."

Eustace yelled heartily.

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HANOVER

Mrs. Howard Means on the river road has opened an ice cream parlor.

The Misses Natalie and Eva Russell have returned to Hanover after spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Philip Holmes from So. Portland and two little sons, Russell and Philip, Jr., are visiting at Parker Russell's.

Don't forget to see the three act drama, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," to be given at Town Hall, Friday evening, May 16, under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters, expect to be served from six to eight.

Mrs. Laura Roberts was a guest of Mrs. Annie Merrill Monday.

Mr. A. T. Ferris, who has been in poor health this spring was in Portland, Monday, to consult Dr. Burnell.

Mrs. Edith Kimball's Academy pupils have finished their work in Public Social Science for the year.

Another Cross-Word Puzzle
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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

THE OLD MUSIC AND THE NEW KIND

Victor Herbert told a committee of Congress the other day that "in the olden days a man or a woman would enter a theatre or a movie house, hear a good piece of music and then purchase it. In this way a demand was created for one product. Today these compositions are delivered daily in our homes. They are rendered in an inartistic manner and the public soon tires of them." His reference was to the radio broadcasting of music. John Philip Sousa, another great composer who admits that his royalties on music ran as high as $100,000 a year at one time, told the same committee of Congressmen that the prohibition amendment had destroyed the industry of producing light opera, because, he explained, light opera required drinking songs of the rollicking kind that were so popular in the past. "We cannot write drinking songs nowadays," remarked Mr. Sousa, "Apparently the inspiration is lacking." These two eminent composers complain that the unskilled reproduction of popular music by radio is "rapidly getting on the nerves of the people." They demand regulation that will give them payment for music when broadcast.

According to composers of music in distress in their field is being destroyed and art is going to the bow-wows because men and women who devote their lives to musical culture cannot make their livelihood under the new conditions by which music is supplied to the public. The sheet music business has been on the rapid decline since the phonograph was invented, but the commercial interests of composers and publishers are protected with regard to that industry. Not so, with music by radio. While it is doubtless true that a good deal of the broadcasting of music is "inartistic" it is nevertheless a fact that some of the best talent in the country is fulfilling the prophecy made by Longfellow when he wrote:

"And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away."

We can all remember how every representative family used to educate at least one child to perform at the piano, or play the violin or a cornet. Vocalists were to be found everywhere. Now that has all been changed, and music is produced to a very large extent by professionals. The cultivation of music as an art for art's sake has surrendered to commercial enterprise. The commercial development has hit the manufacturers of musical instruments, and the publishers of sheet music and the composers. The two latter class are raising the biggest smoke in Washington over what they believe to be the injustice of their situation. Congress is asked to protect the composers, song writers, publishers, and others, in the redemption of their thoughts over the radio. We have all heard the announcement from the broadcaster to the effect that consent has been obtained for the broadcasting of the evening's musical program. This "consent" up to date represents the public spirited desire of every affected interest to cooperate in developing the new art of "filling the night" with entertainments. The subject matter is largely included in the provisions of the law governing patents and copyrights, and Congress is trying to arrive at some method in the way of regulation that will furnish proper safeguard and protection for the commercial rights of those who are affected by the development of radio.

Looking into the future, radio may assure a large part of the business of the newspapers in giving the daily news to the world. It may encroach very materially upon novels and other printed matter now protected by copyright. There are plenty of prophecies about other things that it may revolutionize. But the present discussion develops the fact that the new situation is rapidly carrying into the country the "canned age" of volume production in all classes of entertainment. It is the same process of life that has been developing in all phases during recent years.

LABOR'S POLITICAL DEMANDS

The centralized body of American union workmen is known as the American Federation of Labor. Following its regular custom this organization has issued a declaration with regard to what it believes is the proper measure for men, platforms, and parties during the campaign. The declaration says that there must be "a revival of the spirit of honesty, integrity and highmindedness in public office." The astounding revelations of the last few months are referred to as proof of the need for a "great regeneration of American idealism" in public life. In order to make its position clear the Federation enumerates labor welfare, taxation, the soldiers' bonus, international relations, curbing the power of the Supreme Court, immigration, abolition of the Railroad Labor Board, and approval of the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations and the World Court as subjects for political legislation. The altruistic appeal of this great organization is for laws to "make Government more responsive to the needs of the people." To this sentiment there is not likely to be any public opposition. But it is feared by many people that the conduct of the political parties may not altogether harmonize with declarations which are likely to appear under labels for "platforms," and which may be quite as optimistic and uplifting as those reported above. The past political history of organized labor, however, shows that it does not stick together in carrying out through an election the instructions given from any central body. Undoubtedly there are voters enough represented in the organizations who have issued the above declaration, to swing the coming elections to either great party. On the other hand, if all the people of the country irrespective of their political or other affiliations, who believe in the altruistic principle of making the Government "more responsive to the needs of the people" would vote as they preach they might find a way to bring about a "great regeneration of American idealism." But regarded from a purely cold blooded viewpoint, in the light of history, the dream is not apt to be realized very soon.

AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL

The railroads of the country are contending that automatic train control devices have not been developed beyond the experimental stage, and that their installation would be excessively expensive. The Interstate Commerce Commission has made its own investigation, extending over a period of years, and it issued a statement fully two years ago that "the art of automatic train control has long since passed the experimental stage." In 1922 the Commission ordered 49 of the principal carriers of the country to install automatic train devices on portions of their lines, and this order is effective next January. Last January the Commission extended its order to another group of railroads, and this group obtained a hearing, now in progress at Washington, in which practically all of the affected railroads have been resisting the carrying out of the Commission's orders.

It is recalled that the railroads put up a similar fight against automatic train couplers in the old days when, despite the fact that practically every railroad brakeman and conductor had missing fingers, the roads maintained that the couplers were "experimental and expensive." Perhaps it is unkind to resurrect this old piece of history but its inconsistency is no less glaring than that of the present attitude of the railroads regarding automatic train control, in view of the fact that the accident reports made for the fifteen-year period ending December 31, 1921, showed there were 20,279 head-on and rear-end collisions, resulting in the death of 4,326 persons and injury to 60,982. The damage to railroad property alone was more than forty million dollars. The annual average of these collisions amounted to 1,643; the average killed, 270, and the average injured, 3,732.

It is found that several railroads are satisfactorily using their own automatic train controls. Despite the fact that there has been a satisfactory development of this problem many of the lines are still trying to hold up the orders of the Government on the excuse that automatic control is an "experiment."

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
Spring Street
Sunday School at 10.00 A. M.
Sunday services at 10.45 A. M.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Minister

Thursday, May 15, 3 o'clock: Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Whitney.

Sunday, May 18:

10.45: Observance of Young People's Sunday, with talk to the young people by the pastor. Good special music. It will be gratifying to see the young folks out in good numbers. All invited as always.

12.00: Session of the Church School.

7.15: Firelight service, in which the Methodist people participate. Topic, "How We May Earn Promotion." Leaders, Miss Litchfield, Bernice Haines and Gerald York.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Walter W. Wolfe, Minister

Church calendar, Sunday, May 18:

10.45 A. M. Regular devotional service. Sermon topic, "The Religion of John Milton."

12.00 Noon. Sunday School. Children's sermon story. Adult Bible class conducted by the minister.

7.15 P. M. A regular business, social, and devotional meeting of the Young People's Christian Union. A social hour will follow the devotional meeting.

Saturday afternoon, two o'clock. The Alpha Zeta Class will conduct a children's social in the chapel of the church. An interesting program of games and amusements for the children will be arranged. Homemade candy for sale. Admission ten cents.

May 21, 5.30-7.00 P. M. The ladies of the Circle will serve a Cafeteria supper at the church. All are cordially invited.

METHODIST CHURCH
Chester B. Oliver, Minister

Thursday afternoon:

Ladies' Aid, 2.30 o'clock, at Mrs. Lyman Wheeler's.

Joint W. H. and W. F. Missionary meeting, 7.30 o'clock, at Mrs. Chester B. Oliver's.

Friday:

At the church, 7.30 o'clock, choir rehearsal.

Sunday, May 18:

Worship at 10.45 A. M. Sermon, "The Witness of the Spirit."

Church School at 12 o'clock.

This is the day when all young people's departments of Central District are to be reported as to organized classes and the like.

Epworth League at 6 o'clock. 6-6.30, social hour. 6.30-7, worship led by Mrs. Hattie Bennett. Subject, "As A Partner." I Cor. 3: 4-9.

7.30. The Congregational people invite the Methodist people to a "fireside service" in the Garland Chapel. (See Congregational notices for time, place and subject.) Sunday evening, May 18.

Tuesday evenings:

Class meeting at 7.30. "The Power House" of the Church. A week from Tuesday night comes the Church School Board or "monthly worker's conference"—all officers, teachers, committees are included. Refreshments.

GILEAD

Deferred

John Arsenault of Hartford, Conn., is visiting his cousin, Larry Lesler, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter May 1st.

Mrs. John Richardson was in Bethel one day last week.

Miss Madora Arsenault of Montreal, P. Q., has been visiting relatives in this vicinity.

W. A. Rieker and family have moved to Bryant's Pond.

James Brown and family of Shelburne, N. H., have moved into the Cahill and Heath rent.

Mrs. Josephine Wheeler has returned home from Gorham, N. H.

Howard Taylor was a recent visitor in Bridgton.

Edward Holden is working in I. B. Leighton's garage.

Mrs. Selma McPherson of Newry was a guest of friends in town last week.

Several members of Mountain View Grange attended Oxford Pomona at West Bethel last week Tuesday.

We would have tax reduction within fifteen minutes if there were only some way whereby both parties could get credit for it.

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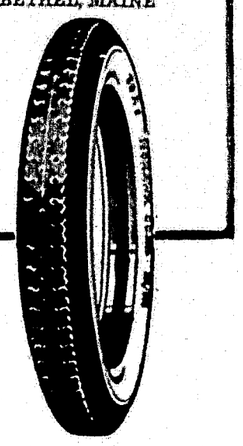

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Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs of So. Paris, Mrs. John Powers and Mr. McDaniels of Bryant Pond were in town, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Copeland and Mrs. Harry Hastings of Bethel were in town Sunday.

Several from here attended the dance at Locke's Mills, Saturday night.

WEST PARIS

The Scout supper held at Centennial Hall, Wednesday evening was a great success.

Mrs. Martha Dunham was in South Paris, Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Day and Miss Ella Curtis were in Lewiston, Thursday.

Edwin H. Brown of Rumford was in town, Saturday.

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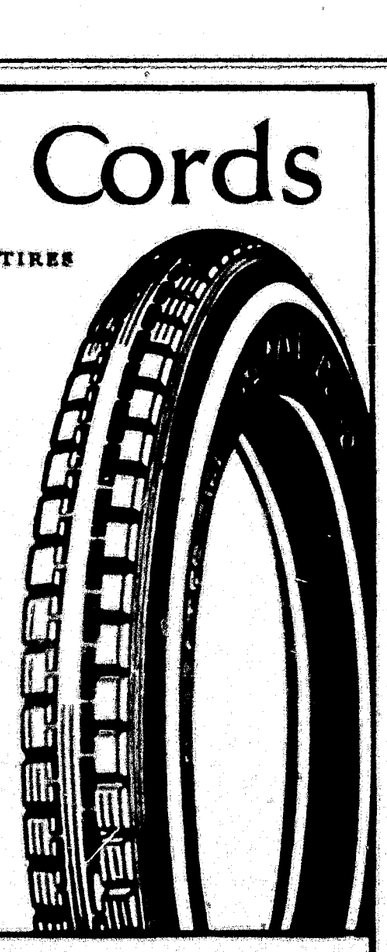

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GRANGE NEWS

ALDER RIVER GRANG

Alder River Grange, P. of H. regular session Wednesday May 14, and children's night served. After the routine busi ing disposed of Worthy Mast Bartlett declared recess and Gra closed without form and an o sion was in order. Many neighbors, friends and all scho dren were present, making a g of about seventy-five. Worthy very cordially welcomed all, them all members of the Order H., quoting extracts of the g found within a Grange. This lowed by interesting remarks b thy Lecturer Robert Hastings ing all, being guests of Alder Grange. A delightful program w presented in charge of Miss Cummings as follows:

Recitation, Mother's Speckled D. Pauline Har
Recitation, Arithmetic, Leonar
Piano Solo, Iva B
Gardiner's Luck, Ellen
Little Jack, Iva Harr
Dialogue, Five C
The First Speech, John
When Pa Begins to Shave, Elwin B
When Dad Helps Wash Dishes, Esthe
Vocal Solo, Raymond B
Accompanied by Iva Bartlett
piano, encore responded to
Recitation, Dishes, May C
Recitation, Edgar C
The Change in Father, Philip J
Song, The Clown, Five Ch
The Naughty Hens, Willard F
The New Kind of Doll, Agnes
Auntie's Dress, Lillian Harr

Refreshments of delicious ice and many kinds of cake were fur and the most delightful social ho joyed by all.

BETHEL GRANGE

Bethel Grange met May 15 f regular meeting, Worthy Master Russell in the chair. After the bu meeting the committee, Sisters I and Grace Merrill presented the f ing program:

Reading, Sister Cop
Song and encore, Brother D
Reading, Sister M
Reading, Sister C
Question: "Why I married," answ by all men present
Current Event of interest—That P er Copeland has a "kid" at his How about it Brother Copeland
Closed with a song by the Grange
Next meeting Wednesday, June
Note the change in date.

RUMFORD TO HAVE NE FIRE STATION

At a special Corporation meetin Rumford on Tuesday evening of week, the question of a new fire st was brought before the meeting an was voted to raise the sum of $8 for this purpose. $2,000 was also r to build a new sewer line on Hun and Frost streets.

The article to amend the by-law building restrictions now in force in Waldo street section, called forth siderable arguments pro and con, when the question was put to a vot was practically unanimous to pass the article. This means that no w ers buildings can be built in the W street section.

NOTICE

The following streets will be cl during the Memorial exercises at monument on May 30, 1924:

Main Street, from Brighton Ave to Vernon Street, High Street, f Brighton Avenue to Mechanic Str Mechanic Street, from Fullers' M ment to Summer Street.

AMERICAN LEGION
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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Maude Vashaw and family.
Mr. John Vashaw.
Mr. Michael Vashaw.
Mr. Thomas Vashaw.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who helped in so many ways in our sorrow.

R. A. Skillings and family.

Miss Margaret Herrick went to Barnabas Hospital, Portland, Monday to have her tonsils removed. Mrs. C. Herrick accompanied her.